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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

PUBLIC DESPATCHES TO ENGLAND.

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(VOLUME No. I.)

To the Hon^{ble}: Y^{e} Go[vernor Deputy &]
Committees for aff[airs of the] Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}:
of Me[rchants] Trading to Y^{e} East [Indies].

May it [please y^{r} Hon^{rs}].

From hence was the 13th [. . .] the 25th by Charles the 2^{d}, sub [. . .] &c^{a} the next day Cap^{t}. Dorrill left [. . .] with whome wee sent a brief lett[er . . .] Hon^{rs}: of the Alteration and settlement [. . . Commissary] Generall S^{r}. John Goldsborrough before [. . .].

Wee shall now proceede to [give your] Hon^{rs}. an acco^{t}: of all transactions and matters [of] the greatest moment relateing to your [. . .] under our managm^{t}. since Cap^{t}. Dorrills [. . .] amongst which the stopp of Trade being [. . .] considerable and greatest difficulty wee have laboured under, was the 8th June taken of Husbool Hookum from the King, by w^{ch}: we enjoy our priviledges: in all respects as formerly.

Sometime before the arrivall [of] the Kings Order for removeing of the stopp [. . .] thought it very requisite and for your Hon^{rs}. [. . .] to present the Governour of Hughly in Broadc[loth]. Toyes to the amount of Rup. 1,000: the better to see his freindship to us while the stopp continued, knowing that the Continuing at, or impeeding [of] trade, lay in his breast; and because the Nabob Ebrahim Caun [. . .] wayes capable of doeing us any Good at tha[. . .] being [. . .] wholly ruled the Duan, [. . .] by the [. . .] [. . .] in his power [. . .] and [. . .] soe great a [. . .] present [. . .] as impeeding and [. . inter]lopers, w^{ch} he not being [. . .] money would have [. . .]

[. . .] so much money to the [. . .] amounted to being about [. . .] presume that to the Gov^{r}. of Hughly [. . .] your Hon^{rs} the more easy, and it is [. . .]erved as a [. . .] in this Countrey, [. . . l]ong as we can secure the sub-Govern^{rs}. [. . .] intrest by small presents (and thereby doe our [. . . bu]ssenisse never to l[a]unch out into extremities by [. . . be]ing to liberall to the greate ones, for notwth: standing all which the Nabob and Duan can assist us in wth: their Perwannas, wee have found it by Experience that the Petty Governours and officers have found tricks and devices to give us trouble.

The 8th Aprill last arrived with it the Princess of Denmarke Cap^{t} B[lew]ett Comm^{dr}: from Fort S^{t}: George, and 21st the Hawke Cap^{t} James Caulier, the former brought us your Hon^{rs}: Letters of the 10th & 28 Aprill 1693 with the severall accompanying papers according to list.

Wee cannot but be deeply concern'd when wee hear of the Loss of any of your Hon^{rs}: shipps, and hope wee shall be soe fortunate as to here no more of the Loss of any shipps laden from Bengall, and heartily pray for your Hon^{r}: success in all your undertakings.

The Husbull Hookums your Hon^rs^ Menc̃on are soe satisfactory and so [. . .] pennd, especially that relateing to the Custom, [. . .] be more clear, and wee can [. . .] Hon^rs^. that your affaires have [. . .] were in a better posture and Condition that [. . .] under this mild and Good Governm^t^. since [your . . .] Hon^rs^. first settlem^t^ in these parts, w^ch^: in all [proba]billety will continue some years, for it [does . . .] appeare to us; that there will be any alter[ation] unless by the Death of the Nabob, or Duan, [. . .] they are very temperate men.

Wee cannot but acquaint you that not onely unnecessary Servants are dis-char[ged] but alsoe extravagant and unnecessary expen[ses] are much reduced, even to the lowest degree, [by] the prudent care of S^r^. John Goldsborrough Commissary, some thousands of Rup^s^. year [. . .] what they ware when your Hon^rs^: rec̃d [acco^t^] thereof by the Orange, and wee [. . .] noe [. . .] presume to exceede therein, unless [upon some] extraordinary occations and the necessity [of your] honours affaires require it.

Wee hope wee shall never give [your] Hon^rs^: occation to Censure us for want of sending [. . .] our Books of Accompts Yearly so long as wee [. . .] so dilligent an accomptant, Your Hon^rs^: will [℔ceive] by those Letters and Dyarys by the Char[les &] Sampson how farr the Late Commiss[ion . . .] Agent and Councill had proceeded in the [. . .] of M^r^: Peactrice [Peachie] in recovering Satisfactio[n of the] Injuries your Hon^rs^: have sustained th[rough] extravagances &c^a^., and lately peruseing [. . .] Charges of Maulda doe find that he [. . .] exceeded the limitation ordered by the Agent and Councill formerly Rup^s^. 1095: 10½ w^ch^: we have Charged him with, and are now sendin[g] his accusac̃on with his person to Fort S^t^. [George] that Justice may be done your [. . .] Court of Judica[ture, . . .] here; he is [. . .] by the Maulda [. . .] about [. . .] for the rem [. . .] wee have lately demanded of him, whos[e] reply was that hee had noe money at present by him, but that he would satisfie that debt as soone as possible, wee have referr'd all to ffort S^t^. George wh[i]ther he is now going to adjust all Acco^ts^. & to answar: to all miscarriages & demands that may be made on him.

Touching Maulda and Dhacca ffactoryes wee presume Agent Charnock gave it as his opinion the withdrawing of them not onely because the Goods us'd to come out to deare at Maulda, and the expences were large at both places, but because he thought whilst your Hon^rs^: continued to send out a small stock [. . .] might make yo^r^: Hon^rs^: Investm^t^: wholy in Chuttanutte, but, finding dayly many inconveniences attending him in buying Good[s] alltogather here, the Merch^ts^: imposing on his necessitie, and likewise the scarsity of Goods to lade your Hon^rs^: Shipps timely home made him notwithstanding his discourse of withdrawing the ffactory's, continue them to his very Death; and in all probabillety had hee lived, would never have withdrawne them (since he had reduced their Expences) unless your Hon^rs^: possitive orders had obliged him, thô tis not to be questioned but his opinion to yo^r^: Hon^rs^: herein was out of as sure and sincere respect he had for your Hon^rs^: affaires, but notwithstanding what may be argued as to the Continuing or reduceing those ffactorys We have in obedience to the Commissary Gene^ll^: Orders before his death, called away your Hon^rs^: [. . .] M: Braddyll arriveing with us [. . .] gust from Maulda and M^r^: [. . .] left by the Agent to Ba[l]la[sore . . .] Dhacca, soe that your Hon^rs^: have onely 2 ℔sons at Ballasore, and 2[at] the mint to looke after the Coynage of yo^r^: [silver . . .] but if a large stocke arrives next year, wee cannot but submissively offer to your Hon^rs^: consideration the great necessity wee shall be put to in the providing of fine Goods, and makeing whole Investm^t^: in this place, for the Merch^ts^: knowing that wee are constrained for to buy all Goods here in Calcutta (our upper ffactory being withdrawne) will impose on us at any Rate, whereas on the Contrary when Goods we[r]e provided by your Hon^rs^: Serv^ts^: in Cassimbuzar, Maulda & Dhacca, the Merch^ts^. were more [. . .]ectly kept to their Contracts, forward in [buy]ing in their Goods and finishing their [. . .] Continuance of those factory's being a brid [. . .] to their

covitious and Corrupt humours, [. . .] the goods bought there will come out 15 or 20 ℔ Cent Cheaper then wee can buy here of the Merch^{ts}. [. . .] Hon^{rs}. Servants have but expe[ri]ence [. . .] but faithfull; but as to amo[. . .] of the settleing of those ffacto[. . .] referr to your Hon^{rs}: to the enclo[sed] [. . .] Letter of the 13th July to the Hon: Presd: and Councill of ffort S^{t}: George, [. . .] are our opinions in answare to what they require of us.

Wee observe you[r] Hon$^{r's}$: directions and shall put your Hon^{rs}: to noe Charge in buying & maintaineing shipps upon noe acco^{t}: whatsoever.

Wee observe the Caution your Hon^{rs}: are pleased to give us, as to the Recovering your Debts in Cassi[m]buzur, in w^{ch}: wee have still hopes a Considerable Sume may be recovered wth: little or noe Charge, but our endeavours will manifest y^{s}:; ever hereafter.

[. . .] Eyre returnes your Hon^{rs}: his most hum[. . .] for your favourable determination[. . .] him.

Wee presume in the future there will noe prejudice arrise to your Hon^{rs}: affaires by the freedome given to private trades, since the late Regulations appointed by your Hon^{rs}: to prevent it.

Wee have made your Hon^{rs}: Serv^{ts}: acquainted wth: your Resolution in case any of them refuse or neglect to doe what writeing worke or otherwise shall be put to them by their superiours, and doe not question but they will give due observance accordingly.

M^{r} Cormelle arrived with us on the Princess from Fort S^{t}: George whome his Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: there made Cogee of to bee 4th: of Councill in Bengall, and to whome wee committed the Charges Generall Employ as Customary, M^{r}: Roger Braddyll was likewise appointed and ordered 3^{d}: of Councill, to whome y^{e}: Charge of the Warehouse was Committed.

M^{r}. Bo[lor]idges Radnagur Investm^{t} was throughly [. . .] the Commissary Gene^{ll}: as your Hon^{rs}: wi[. . .] examination &c^{a}: papers relateing th[. . .] Hon^{rs}: by the Sampson By [. . .] the attachm^{t}: of money of his in M^{rs}: Beards hands was dessolved, on his giveing bond for his appearance there to answer to all demands the Attourney Gene^{ll}: should make in behalfe of your Hon^{rs}: and accordingly he is ready to Embarque on the Princess for that end.

M^{r}: John Hill formerly ordered by the Commissary Gene^{ll}: to Fort S^{t}: George is preparing himselfe likewise for his Voyage thither by this shipp.

Wee hope your Hon^{rs}: in the future will have [no ca]use to complaine of Embasslem^{ts}: made of [. .] Stores w^{ch}: is now under the Charge [of an experienc'd] and Dilligent man.

Capt: John Hampton Master of Attendance fully quallified for that employ and approved of by the Commissary Gene^{ll}.

Wee observe what your Hon^{rs}: write as to Gurrahs and have agreed for a very large quantity this yeare, for considering your Hon^{rs}: stock [con]sisted but of 69 Chest of Treasure w^{ch}: is but small for Loading such great shipps, wee contracted with our merch^{ts}: for the more Gruff Goods to Compleat their Tonnage viz^{t}. Cotton, yarne, Doosutees, or Callico, saile Cloth, Gurrahs, Saltpetre, the rest fine Goods (except small quantity of Laack) as your Hon^{rs}: will perceive by Dyarys and Consultations amounting to Rup^{s}: 670,000, [which] is Considerably much more then our stock will rea [. . .] and this wee did in expectation of shipp from [. . .] this yeare, that wee might be beforehand in our Investm^{ts}: and that the overplus of what wee could not lade on this ship [. . .] might be laden on them.

[The] Royall James and Mary arr[ived] in Ballasore road [. . .] from the West Coast in Aug[ust] with 286 Bahar and 415 lb of Pepper, and Redd wood 262 Candy 16 Maunds, w^{ch}:, he tooke in at Madras but comeing up the River of Hughly on the [24th:] Septem^{r}: she fell on a sand on this side Combelee point and was unfortunatly lost, for he immediatly oversett and Broake her back with the loss of [. . .] men's lives: On notice of the accident from the Command^{rs}:

Cap^{t}: Rob^{t}: Puck the Master of Attendance Cap^{t}: Hampton was ordered to there assistan[ce] with the Mary Buoyer, the Europe shipps Long [. . .] and Seamen, severall boats from the shoare, with as many Lascars out of every Perticuler shipp belonging to this place as wee could spare, who after many dayes labour were not able to save of your Hon^{rs}: Pepper above 222 Maunds and 132 [Sticks] of Red wood, the [hould] of the shipp being allmost [con]tinually full wi[th] the Gunns, Cables, Anch[ors] some Mast^{s} sailes &c [. . .] deale of Cordage saved by the [. . . of] Cap^{t}: Hampton [. . .] and since disposed of by the Command^{r}: for Rup^{s}: 6200: for Acco^{t}: of the Owners, and likewise the wreck as it lay, severall Commd^{rs}: of shipps giveing in their Judgm^{ts}: and opinions that 'twas for the Interest and advantage of the Owners to dispose of her in that posture least the next springs wholly wash her away, and accordingly she was sould with the Long Boates for Rup^{s}: 1500: more, The Pylott M^{r} Edward [Tough] his declaration of the Accident and the Command^{rs}: opinions in writeing, of the value of the wrecks, are entred in our Dyarys of that month, w^{ch}: wee submissively refer your Hon^{rs}: more ℔ ticularly to.

The Loss of this shipp hath put us on new thoughts, for whereas wee had agreede for greate quantitys of Gruff Goods to fill up the Tonnage of three shipps, wee now apprehend it to be your Hon^{rs}: Interest to procure all the fine goods wee ca[n . . .] lade on the Princess and Hawke, and keepe [. . .] the Course goods (wee shall have noe occation to send) by us in our Godowns, if a shipp should dropp in in January, w^{ch}: may be laden home this season, and for that reason wee are buying up all the fine goods wee can procure for ready money, part of w^{ch}: wee must take up at Interest till a fresh supply, for the same reasons wee have detained the Princess 20 Day's longer then designed to take in a 1000 Bales of Goods (besides her 5000 Baggs of Petre ordered) being sensible of y^{e}: great want your Hon^{rs}: have of them and the advantage they will yeald to you[r] Hon^{rs}: by the great scarsity at home, whereas if the unfortunate accident of the Loss of the Royall James & Mary had not ensu'd, wee should have dispatch'd the Princess the 15th: Novemb^{r} to the Fort, wth: the forementioned Petre, 4 (or) [. . .] Bales, and filled up with provisions accord [ing to the] Hon^{ble}: Presd^{t}: & Councills orders, but [. . .] his conclution and method wee have taken, will meete with your Hon^{rs} and their approbation considering their's time enough left for her dispatch from the ffort by the 20th: January they advising they should have 5 (or) 600 Bales ready to send her away a full shipp.

Wee are now makeing all imagina[ble] dispatch in prizing and buying good[s] for the Ha[loke . .] and hope she will be laden by the 20th next month a full shipp home to your Hon^{rs}: directions.

Wee observe what your Hon^{rs}: write concerning Laack of both sorts which is scarse to be procured and very dear unless wee give out men before hand, w^{ch}: wee intend to doe in January for Large quantity's it being the time of [year to be]speake that Commodity.

Callicos Sayl Cloth otherwise cal[led] Dosootes as aforesaid your Hon^{rs}: will receive a Considerable quantity by the Hawke, as alsoe by the Princess 10000 [. . .] Neckcloths Ginghams, Nill [. . .] Romalls &c^{a}: proportionable to our stock, and when a further supply arrives wee shall bespeake the quantity of each sort of Goods according to your Hon^{rs}: directions.

In obedience to your Hon^{rs}: orders of the arrivall of the Princess, wee sent for Muttre[dass] from Hughly, and made him many fair promis[es] by way of incouragem^{t}: in order to withdraw him from the Interlopers, telling him how that he had noe occation to creepe to such a sort of People whose residence and trade was but for a Yeare, that our house was the most safe and securest hold, and more for his Reputation and Creditt to be concerned with soe antient a People as the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company who were able to protect him from [. . .] afront or Injury he might at one time or [other receive] from the Governm[ent . . .] that wee would [. . .] keepe his hands [. . .] Employed and be conserned with him soe farr as he could be able to manage, and that wee would write home to your Hon^{rs}: in his behalfe, who had given orders for his

Readmittance into favour Provided he would not deale with the Interlop^{rs}: your Hon^{rs}: Enemies and many more expressions to this Effect, upon which he made many solemn deprecations that he knew noe other house then ours, and that his first rise was from us whome he would serve to the utmost of his power, that he had noe occation to serve a new peoples Interest where the old was so potent and fresh in his Memory, that would endeavour to disengage himselfe from the Interlopers as soon as possible, and much more to this effect was his discourse, but notwithstanding all his fair promisses wee cannot but acquaint your Hon^{rs}: he hath proved false to your Interest by continually corresponding with and assisting the Interlopers, in all their designes, in [. . .] can very seldom g[e]tt him near us, except just on the dispatch of this shipp; he is a person whose Covetiousness blinds all other considerations whatever w^{ch}: makes him reach at all, [. . .] but wee doe not finde he will gaine so much by the Interlop^{rs}: this yeare as will be equivolent to your Hon^{rs}: gratuity of 30000 Rup^{s}: w^{ch}: wee have promissed him and gave him assurance of, according to your Hon^{rs}: orders, thô to no effect, wee are of opinion if an offer of soe much money had been made him on y^{e}: Interlop[ers] first arrivall, he might have been prevented from takeing any money, or being concern'd wth: them, but the Gov^{r}: of Hughly especially would have lay'd hold of the oppertunity of frustrating their designes by his letter to the Nabob and Duan [. . .] contrary whereof he wrote in their [. . .] for so large a sume of mony wee [. . .] promissed him of 20,000 Rup^{s}: [. . .] successfull in all our attempts both at [. . .] Hughly, the Kings Duan proving their freinds against all arguments wee could alledge to y^{e}: Con[trary] and hath given them a perwanna for the trade [. . .] this shipp and Voyages on paying a pescash of R[upees . . .] 3000 they had much the advantage of us in [. . .] respect, by reason Dhacca factory was wth draw[n] before Catchpole arrived, whose maine argu[ment] with the Duan was, that the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company [. . .] 40 shipps yearly came into this Kings dominions and paid but Rup^{s}: 3000 yearly piscash, & the[y] were willing to [give . . .] for one shipp [. . .] the Nabobs Duan in soe much that the Nabob would give [noe Perwana] and the Nabob been a man of spiritt, he would [put] an end to the Dispute, for it is not Customary from Duans to give their Perwanas in such publick without first the [consent] and of the Nabob, and [. . .] his Perwanna [. . .] the Chaup, neither the Duans Perwanna of any vallue or use, if [. . .] of them be displaced, and if any more Interlopers arrive, or these hereafter, thay will be as farr [. . .] seeke as they were at first.

The 15th August wee thought it [very . . .] oppertunely to put in Execution a warrant wee Reĉed from Fort S^{t}: George concerning one Messeng[er] who had unlawfully taken possession of a Hou[se] next ajoyning to the Interlopers, and in Order [. . .] unto wee sent our Serjant with 20 Souldiers and [. . .] Seamen to Hughly to seiz his person and take [possession] of the House, for wee heard he had taken the Interlopers protection, and our maine designe [. . .] ing so many Souldiers was to Interupt their buy[ing . .] and trade, by securing the Governm^{t}: and mak[eing] them believe ther [. . .] something intended against Pitts person, the [. . .] might have [. . .] entred in y^{e}: [Waacha . . .] to y^{e} Nabob [. . .] pro[ba]billity would have put a stop to their proceedings for neither the Nabob, nor Duan, would have given them any Countenance or Permitted them to trade had such a [story] been entered in the waacha that wee designed to [quarrell] for this the Duan was all along afraid of, and prevented him from giveing them a perwanna sooner, but the onely man wee have reason to suspect that prevented this fair and good designe was Muttradass who told the Govern^{rs}: by our sending [. . .] in Armes up was cheifely to ffrighten [. . .] Interest wth: us hee would soone gett them recalled and sent away On the Serjants first arrivall with soe many men it put the whole Party into a Consternation, and Messenger was seized, and the house taken possession [with]out the least opposition but as hee was comeing to us with a

Guard in their way as they passed by the Interloping shipp severall Muskett Balls were fired at them from said shipp and the boate hailed on board and followed with their shipps Pinnace with men in Armes (as your Hon^{rs}: will ℔ ceve more at large by the Guards depositions in our Dyary of the month of August) on advice whereof wee delivered them a Protest by two of your Hon^{rs}: Serv^{ts}: and sent M^{r}: Cormell up with 32 Seamen more to joyne with their Serjant and men allready at Hughly in case of any violence that might be offer'd by them in Retaking the House, for thay had threatned to [. . .] us by force, and had about 40 [. . .] Armes in their House to command [. . .] occation, and in a small time [. . .] answare with a Reprotest both w^{ch}: are entred in our Dyary's in August with severall other things relateing to the affair for [your] Hon^{rs}: perusall, their bussiness goe on but slow and belives it may be the latter end of Jan[uary] before thay can dispatch their bussiness to [. . .] Bengall.

Cap^{t}: Blewett & Cap^{t}: Clarke wanting money's to defray the shipps Expences wee paid the former Rup^{s}: 4000 in lieu of 2000 Dollers and latter 1000 Dollers according to agreem^{t}: in Charterparty whose receipts comes herewith.

On the arrivall of Cap^{t}: Buck from [the] West Coast he presented us a Bill for 2500 p^{s} of $\frac{8}{8}$ w^{ch} [. . .] lent the Governour of Yorke ffort, to supply their necessitys, w^{ch}: bill wee have discharged by paying y^{e} vallue in Rup^{s}: 5172 : 7.

What your Hon^{rs}: write of dispatching [. . .] of the Biggest shipps on her arrivall in Bengall [with . . .] Saltpetre and provissions to the ffort, should have been performed, had any one arrived according to your Hon^{rs}: expectation in season, but the Princess not arriveing till Aprill twas too late.

Wee are greatly streightened for want of Vessells to load the Great shipps your Hon^{r}[^{s}] sent out, especially the Princess this yeare who [could] not take in above $\frac{1}{2}$ of her Cargo here, the unhappy accident of the Loss of the Royall James and Mary haveing dishartened both Cap^{t}: and Pylott, from undertakeing the carrying of her downe the River, at the usuall draught of water, and had wee not been soe fortunate to meete with 2 Countrey ship[s] of 90 Tunns each, w^{ch}: wee hired to carry downe Goods to the Princess, twould have been impossible for us to have dispatched her this month (except she had gon $\frac{1}{2}$ laden) [. . .] has detained her notwithstanding this assistance of vessells 10 Day's, and [. . .] is not enough [. . .] what Bales wee have ready, but wee are Cautious of keeping her any longer for fear she should not gett her passage to the ffort in time.

Wee have but one Vessell belonging to your Hon^{rs}: that's servisable and of Burthen which is a Boyer of 70 Tunns lately built at Suratt the other wee formerly mentioned was lost coming from Suratt, the other two vessells wee have (which the late Commissary Generall thought of necessity to be keept in stead of that w^{ch}: was lost) are very small both not makeing above 50 Tunns, fitt for the use they are put to, to bring advise and attend the shipping up and downe the River properly termed Pylott boats, and will hold but very few Bales.

It takes 10 Day's time at least before the Vessells can make a tripp to the shipps & back againe, whereas formerly your Hon^{rs}: used to have 400 Tunns of Vessels constantly employed w^{ch}: were sufficient to lade any one shipp in Ballasore Roade at one tripp.

The Princess being upon her dispatch to the ffort, wee shall give Cap^{t}: Clarke Com^{r}: of the Hawke directions for preservation of his shipp in his Voyage home either to saile to the Cape to joyne wth: the Dutch ffleete there, and goe round by the North of Ireland, or in case of missing of the ffleete to sayle for Barbados, and from thence home with what shipp they can meete according to your Hon^{rs}: orders.

Cap^{t}: James Caulier dyed about 20 Day's after his arrivall, his Cheife mate M^{r}: John Clarke was chosen and made Commander being very well qualified for that Employ.

Wee observe what your Hon^{rs}: wri[te] of S^{r}: [John Gayer] who succeeded S^{r}: Jn^{o}: Goldsborrough [Commissary] Generall of India.

By the Death of Agent Charnock your Hon^{rs}: are disappointed in your intencons and Expectacons of haveing a Court of Judicature erected in Bengall, and for that reason wee presume the Hon^{ble}: Presd^{t}: and Councill of Fort S^{t}: George tooke the Commission out of our Hon^{rs}: Pacquet before it came to us.

Our endeavours have beene fruteless hither too in procuring the Nabobs and Duans Consents for a firme settlem^{t}: in this place, and wee [have] noe hopes of agrem^{t}: for it soe long as this Duan Continues, wee have endeavoured to farme two or three Townes adjacent to us (Chuttanuttee included) the rent whereof will amount to about 2000 [or] 2500 Rup^{s}: yearly w^{ch}: is a means to increase your Hon^{rs}: revenues in your towne of Chuttanuttee, for allthough wee doe make sume small matter out of our Buzar by Graine fines &c^{a}: yett wee cannot lay any impositions on the people, tho never so reasonable till such time as wee can pretend a right to the place, w^{ch}: the farmeing the Tow[n]es adjacent will soone cause and procure us the liberty of collecting such Duties of the Inhabitants as is consistant with our own Methods and Rules of Governm^{t}: and this is the onely means wee can think off till wee can procure a grant for our firme settlem^{t}: The Duties collected out of the Towne last month, and fines paid amounted to about Rup^{s}: 160; whereas formerly it was so small that it did not amount to 30 Rup^{s}: one month wth: another.

The Nabob of Pattana Buzzurgh Omeed Cawne dyed lately a bitter Enemy to yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: affaires ever since the warr, the Injury he sustained by the Loss of a shipp and some Goods in those troubles made him irreconcilable to his Death.

There is hopes of M^{r}: Kings enlarg [. . .] and of liberty to trade their, soe that if occation [arise] wee may send up [any] Englishman to buy Salt Petre for your Hon^{rs}: shipping, the quantityes your Hon^{rs}: require from us being not procureable in Hughly.

Notwithstanding Muttradass [having] made soe ill use of your Hon^{rs}: favours, and [has] beene false to us in the buissness of y^{e}: Interlo[pers] wee have [carryed] as faire a Correspondence [hence] as possible, and gave him in the begin[ing] of the yeare on Impress for Goods, neare 17 [. . .] part of w^{ch}: is come in, and goes by this shipp remaind^{r}: comes in by small parcells w^{ch}: we are prizing to send by the Hawk.

Wee have begun noe bricks but in this place except a Godowne or Warehouse [. . .] w^{ch}: was of necessity to be built for prizing and sorting your Hon^{rs}: Goods this yeare, and shall build noe more then just what's of necessity [. . .] your Hon^{rs}: bussiness untill wee have the Nabob and Duans Perwanna for a firme settlement.

Wee have laden and sent downe Vessells to the Princess Acco^{t}: your Honours to [. . .] amount of Rup^{s}: 423675

Whereof 2834.5.6 is West Coast Provisions as by Invoyce will more plainly appeare, and on the ℔ missive acco^{t}: (as by Invoyce signed by the Agent w^{ch}: send for your Hon^{rs}: ℔ usall is laden Rup^{s}: 79752

Rup^{s} 503427

Soe by our Calculation if she [takes] in all wee have sent on board her, it will am[ount] to about 670 Tunns her full tunnage.

Upon the Warehousekeepers Information and Review of the Sampsons Invoyce last, Sundry Errors in the number of the peice Goo[ds] are Rectified [. . .] our Gen^{ll}. Books folio (54) likewise what goods were taken out of the Charles 2^{d}: [. . .] over [. . .] Sampson are duly Accounted.

The Owners of shipp Charles the 2^{d}: and Sampson, their Debt is wrote off, by acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: London, but desire your Hon^{rs}: will be pleased to take notice that the Charge of two Boats (the pay of w^{ch}: was refused here) is included.

Wee thinke fitt to acquaint your Hon^{rs}: that noe allowance has beene recd for Goods ffreighted on your Hon^{rs}: Vessells downe the River by Cap^{ts}: Dorrill and Bromwell account themselves & employers.

Notwithstand[ing] wee gave Mr: Peachis information of our designe of sending him to Madrass by the Princess about 6 weeks before her departure and ordered him to make preparacon for his Voyage and to give in the remaines, as hee stands indebted by the Maulda Bookes, yett he put us of from day to day altho wee sent the Bales sea(l)ed at Maulda to his owne house with the Warehousekeeper and others to attend him, to have them sorted, he acquainting us, that his owne Goods and the Rt: Honble: Compas: was mixed together, and when time drew neare [for] dispeeding the last goods in the sloopes wth: the Pacquet wch: was severall day's after the Princess fell downe the River, wee then warned him on board but he continued giveing frivolus Excuses, that at last wee were forced to act contrary to our own inclinations and the respect wee owe to one of his station in ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Service to order the Serjant with a file of soldiers to carry him on board, and Mr: Cormell with a more of the Comps: servants to seale up his doores, and to take an Inventory of his concerns in the house to be transmitted the Honble: Presdt: & Councill at Fort St: George.

[Mr:] Thomas Absolon dying lately Intestate Mr: Edward [Cornell] was ordered to inspect into his Estate and [fin]ding Rups: 4159 11 ready money twas brought into your Honrs: Cash, and his Goods and Chattells ordered to be disposed off [by] Publique outcry by the said Cormell who take care thereof that the produce likewise might be brought into your Honrs: Cash for [the] benifitt of his Relations in England.

Mr: Charlton haveing not given in Accot: by reason of the Black writers, extream [. . .] sickness, the Dhacca books could not be made to goe by this shipp, but they shall be sent Yr: Honrs: by the shipping the writer being Recov[ered] and is coming downe to us.

Yor: Honrs: by this shipp will rec[eive] a Box of Bookes Contain[ing] Generall Accots: of several Factorys, Dyaries &cs: but our Pacquet &cs papers [to] your Honrs: wee send open to the Honble: Presidt: &cs: Court at Fort St: George to be transmitted home from This being what offers at present wee submissiv[ely] subscribe ourselves

14th Decembr. 1694.

Chuttanuttee

Rt: Honble:

Yor: Honble: most hum[ble]
& Obedt: Servts:

Charles Eyre.
John Beard.
Roger Braddyll.
Edwd: Cormell.

P.S.—Since concluding the foregoing to yor: [Honrs:] wee recd this evening your Honrs: Pacquets by Martha & Success Capt: Raynes & Capt: Jenn[ing] Commanders who arrived in Ballasore Road 3 Currant by whome wee recd likewise [. . .]directed to [. . .] Generall and the Presdt & Councill [at] Fort St: George wch: wee send [. . .] by the Princes' On the Martha wee shall [. . .] wee have by us, and endeavo[ur] [. . .] built within the walls, and therefore being a Publick building for the service of future times ought to be built strong enough to secure it from the Injure of shaking by the Garrison Gunns (wch: has been found prejudiciall to severall buildings) and wee think the Charge will at least amount to Pags: 1500 :— wch[. . .] wee cannot expect to raise here in a long time nor enough to make a begining to good purpose. But when your Honrs: shall please to send such parts as you thinke a sufficient foundation for the undertakeing wee doubt not but it may in time be finished by occationall contributions of well disposed People in India who will be incouraged to it by prospect of finishing.

[N.B.—Some pages lost here.]

(67) There hath for many months past, been [. . .] things in doeing in order to the gaineing a certain knowledge of all lands and houses in Madrass Viz[t]. a measured ground plate, large enough to distinguish every mans possession and Coppyes of [all] grants and Leases, as they can be called in, ent[ered] in a Booke in nature of a Register, w[ch]. when they are finished will be a good step towards puting your Hon[rs]. orders in execution for settleing the titles of Possesers in nature of Coppy Holders. Those printed formes your Hon[rs]. mention to have formerly sent would be very usefull, but they never [have] been used and now cannot be found. 55.

(68) The Quit Rents whereby a Rent Rool settled by the late Generall, [. . .]ein the amount was advanced from P [. . .] to Pag[s]. 1610. 20—for the Yeare ending [. . .] 1694 partly by addeing more houses shop[s, etc.,] than hath been formerly incerted in the Black Towne but more by increase of the Rates (for many houses double to what formerly paid) occationed frequent complaints and applications for abatement w[ch]: wee answered cheifly by asureing them it would be increased. But the imposeing of Quit Rent [on] [. . .] some Casts who had been before exempted, hath [caused] a difficulty in collecting w[ch]: is not yet removed, [. . .] will be a worke of some time before it be [well] regulated, perticulerly our Macquamen or [Fisher men & Washerm[e]n an atempt was made of dis [. .] but it would not answere, for there could not [. . .] enough found. The next method was to deduct [. . .] of the money due to the Boatmen for [Boat hire] out of money Imprest to the Washermen for cu[reing] Callicoes. The latter submitts because thay [. . .] help it But wee expect they will run as [. . .] in Debt, the former at first absolutely refuse[d] and entred into combination for deserting to [. . .] place or at least made a show of it, so that that yeare they were excused from paym[ent] upon their doeing as much worke towards filling up the Ground by S[t]: Thom[s]: Point, as money came to and their is a few Moore m[en] who are of great esteeme among their Cast [. . .] Holymen who have lived long in the place are excused from paying the full amount of their assessment, upon great applications made by themselves and others in their behalfe [. . .] abatement will wear off with them and [. . .] are many thatched cottages moveable sta [. . .] w[ch]: be [. . .] the year is out are either broke downe [. . ,] erted and the Inhabitants [. . .] to be found the foregoing Instance, the amount [. . .] quitt Rent is less and Otherwise there is noe favour or partiality in y[e] Rates of Collecting the Quitt Rents. 56.

The Wine Licence [. . .] at Pag[s]: 405.—yeilds this yeare but 300 Pag[s]. Europe liquors being last yeare scarse and deare the generallety of the Inhabitants fell into a greater frugality then formerly (Thô there may be still to many instances to excesse and disorder) w[ch]. [. . .] judge to be reason that the Licence yeilded noe more. 57.

(72) Severall Countrey Vessells have gone of late years to the West Coast of Sumatra and have brought hither and to Bengall considerable quantitys of Pepper but the same have been purchased either of your Hon[rs]. ffactors or very privately from the Dutch, and our Navigators or Merchants are not yett fallen into the knowledge of the [Cre . . .] and Coroners. So that in case of the Loss of Bencolen it is not probable there can be any thing considerably done there towards preventing the Dutch Ingrosem[t]. of Pepper unlesse the prospect of great gaines encourage bould undertakers, thô wee do know what can be done by means of the Queen of Acheen, who is at enmity with them wee must therefore take the more care to secure Bencolen as well as we can. 58.

(74) Wee shall inclose a Coppy of y[e] Sale[ing] Orders to the Comm[r]: of this shipp in persuance of the private directions given by the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: &c[a]. 59.

(75) M[r] Watts hath had due encouragement in the employment to Tonqueen, and all others who appeare to us to deserve it, thô it is very [impro]bable y[t] severall of longstanding will con [. . .] of being postpond h[a]veing a better opinion of themselves then wee find thay deserve by there ꝑformance or behaviour. 60.

(76) Mr: Lewes whome your Honrs: sent as Ensigne on the Martha, as wee here left the shipp at Cadiz but wee dont understand the occations, we are sorry for the disappointment, there being a want of good officers, thô wee have noe reason to complayne of our Lieut[en]ants.

Genell: Letter ℔ London ffrigat datd:

2 ffebrry: 169¾.

62. (1) Wee have adressed to Bengall your Honrs: Orders relateing to the Interlopers, as well those that may come hereafter as those now in India, Wee hope there will come noe more these have done mischeife enough and have taken the most effectual course that can be for ruining the English trade in Bengall, by Mr: Catchpooles purch[as]ing a Liberty from the Duan for the trade of one single shipp at 9000 Rups: the sume paid by your Honrs: as a yearly Piscash for the whole trade and is a foundation for the Duans demanding 3000 Rups: for every single shipp.

63. (2) Wee shall by the first oppertunety Order the Agent and Councill of Bengall to send us ye: accot: of the Charges of the warr as stated in their Ledger accot: with Coppy of ye Journall parcels and all Originall Accots: out of wch: it is framed in order to the Examination of the Accot.

64. (3) The Presidt haveing quitted the Letter of Attorney Mr: Davis sent to him and Mr: Pitt, the said Letter of Attorney, Mr: Davis's letters and Accots: are all delivered Mr: Pitt who excepts single and hath called Mr: Allfords Executors to accot: in the Court of Admiralty where the matter is yet depending, when finished wee shall observe your Honrs: Orders for drawing Bills for the ballance after deducting of what shall appear due to your Honrs.

65. Our Consultations since the arrivall of the London ffrigat Packet will further explaine our answere to many parts of your Honrs: Letter perticulerly the Consultation of 31 Decembr.

66. In a Letter of 15th Septembr: is a mention of filling up the Councill of ffort St: George, ye: dismission of Mr: Dolben from your Honrs: service & Mr: Fra[sers] succeeding him Judge of the Court of Admiralty [. . .] a referance to our Consultation in August & Septem[ber . .] wch: Consultation booke comes with the Packett [and] Coppyes of all Papers relateing to the tryall of the action in the Court of Admiralty between your Hon[rs] and the late Presidt: Yale wch; being Large and Perticuler, there remains nothing to [be added to] them but humbly to referr all to your Honrs: censure. Mr: Styleman, Mr: Wright, & Mr: Barwell the persons taken into Councill doe humbl[y] hope your Honrs: will confirme them in that station or at least give them some time to approve themselves of that Honr.

67. There came a [Jesuite] Padre to St. Thomay from Goa under the title of Bishopp, and he present [. . .] into the claime of an authority for appointeing Vicer at Cuddelore and sent a Letter to the Pres[ident] intimateing that he had appointed Padre Pau[lo] de sa[u] to succeed Don John de Clerici decd: Vicer there. But he proved not to be a Bishopp, in a short time after came the Bishopp who persued the same Claime but being of opinion that his Episcopall authority ought not to be owned or allowed, Wee ordered Padre Paulo de Sa[ũ] to be removed and gave a permission to Padre Don Gullielmo de Valle, of the Theatoric Order, the same with the decd: Padre don John de Clerici. Hee continued there for some time But the Bishopp of St: Thomay gave him trouble by writeing private Letters to Padre Paulo de S[aũ] wch: hee exposed and by virtue thereof perswaded, the greatest part of the Catholickes not to own Don Gullielmo, Wee therefore ordered Padre Paulo de S[aũ] to be expelled the bounds of Cuddalore, and Padre Gulielmo being an active man and a great enemy to the Order of the Jesuites would [have in] a short time overcome all these difficulties, his professed dependance being not on the Bishopp of St: Thoma, but on the Prefect of his own order resident in Goa But in Septemr: last his Prefect haveing Ordered him to returne to the Island of Borne[o] (from whence he came) he left Cuddelore and sent the President a Letter directed to the Spanish Embasadore in London desireing it may be convayhed to him being an account of the Injuryes wch: hee and

his order have recd from the Jesuites w^ch^ : Letter comes in the Pacquet. And the Prefect wrote a letter to the Presid^t^ : that when he had a new supply he would send one of his Order to supply Cuddelore in the meantime wee rather choose to have none, then admitt one of the Bishopps appointem^t^ : who hath been alsoe busey in Madrass sending his Warrants privately to some of the Porteguze Padres who proceed[ing on] it was expelled from officiating in the Porteguze Church (thô afterwards returned upon the entercession of the ffrench Padre) w^ch^ : hath put a stope to the Bishopps claime of Episcopall Authorety in this place w^ch^ : lyes wholey in y^e^ Licensed ffrench Padre.

The Bishopp hath as wee have to much reason to suspect been the promoter of many Porteguze Souldiers deserting the Garrison 30 (or) 40 at once, the pretended reason was, thay were afraid of being sent away to the West Coast, and there banished for their lives from their famillys wee knowing the condition of the Deserters to be such they had an absolute dependance on your Hon^rs^ : Service for a subsistance, wee thought it the best course to slight them and that the worst punishment that could be inflicted on them was never to admitte them againe into service since w^ch^ : the greatest part of them are ready to starve and employ their freinds for [. . .] interceed for a Readmission but wee admitt none nor dont want them for upon makeing it known to some of the Porteguze Soldiers that whenever wee send any of them aboard they shall after 2 (or) 3 years service returne to their familleys [if] they desire it, there are more offer their service then wee want, under condition of serving [the] R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Company in[any] place where th[ey] shall be sent, so that wee hope that trou[ble] is wholley removed w^ch^ : allways atended the drawing out of the Toper [Topass ?] souldiers for service abroad. 68.

One Thomas Gutteridge a Souldeer of this Garrison being wheedled by y^e^ : Portuguze of S^t^ : Thoma to change his religion for the sake of Wife marryed privately and without leave & there stayed, wee wrote a Letter to Thomas de Mays who passes as Cap^t^ : Moore of Millapatam, possitively demanded the delivery of Gutteridge w^ch^ : he refused to doe, unlesse, wee would grant him a pardon and promisse of restoreing him to his former station after repeateing demands and denialls wee caused Samuell John de Costa & S[e]nn^r^ : Lucen Lewes two principall Inhabitants of S^t^ : Thoma to be secured in the ffort the Portuguze of S^t^ : Thoma applyed themselves to the Moores Avaldar, he wrote for their delivery, wee answered him if he was Govern^r^ : of S^t^ : Thoma lett him deliver Gutteridge to us and wee would release the Portuguze, Hee tooke Gutter[idge] from the Portuguze and being very importunate for his Pardon it was granted and he and the Portuguze Exchanged. 69.

S^t^ : Thomay hath been alsoe a receptacel for some mal-content Gentues who striches in with severall Moores of quality who have lately fixt their residence there and here and have no other businesse but to enquire into the affaires of this place perticulerly the increase of y^e^ : Revenues whereof wee are Credibly informed many [. . . pro] posalls have been made to Nabob Zulphaker Cawn but he has hitherto Rejected them, or at least seemed to doe soe. 70.

The present Avaldars of S^t^ : Thoma &. Pollicat thô more then Ordinary civill to merch[ants] and hath endeavoured to draw them thither yet there hath been but One shipp and Two Boats of Graine at S^t^ : Thoma since October and those perswaded by perticuler Cowles for payment but of two ℔ Cent Custome and Civill usuage which contrary to their usuall methods hee hath perform [ed . . .] But the Countrey merch^ts^: doe rather choose to trust to the Governm^t^ : here, where they find by experiance a liberty of Trade securety of their Estats and exemption from any other imposition [of] y^e^ : stated Custome so that within that time above [. . .] score boats have imported besides shipps [. . .] Sloopes. 71.

The Inhabitants of S^t^ : Thoma continue under there subjection to the Moores Government and are Generally reduced to great poverty haveing to noe purpose spent large sumes for getting the Governm^t^ : into their own hands and 72.

are miserably divided among themselves. But yet retaine their pride w^{ch}: makes them talke pertly upon every slight occation. Their present great news is that the King of Portugall has made a Company at Goa, to whom is limitated the Trade of India and Letters from some Merch^{ts}: of Goa to their Correspondents he [re] doe intimate, there is something in it have [. . .] countermanded the [. . .] ission of Goods, because they cant sell them to none but the Company the Opinion here is that the stock is frenchman [. . .] and the chiefe Designe is the provission of Salt Petre w^{ch}: the Dutch will not suffer y^{e} Porteguze [. . .] except the English. The Armenians gott some out by stelth last yeare, but wee here are stoped this yeare. The Viceroy of Goa therefore is Compel[le]d to give a great price, and hath caused it to be made knowne that whoever brings Salt Petre to Goa shall have 12 Pag^{s}: ℔ Candy free of all Custome w^{ch}: have engaged severall of our Inhabitants to furnish Goa with Salt Petre and is the reason that wee gave 13 Pag^{s}: ℔ Candy for 500 baggs (to secure kentiledge for the Armenian Merch^{t} The late Generall made an order that no Salt Petre should be exported by Sea without leave to prevent its falling immediately into the hands of the French, the exporters then and since gave bond for it's delivery at Tringombar or Goa w^{ch}: Bonds are discharged by produceing a Certificate of its receipt.

73. Herewith comes a Generall Letter from fort S^{t}: David to your Hon^{r}: dat^{d}: 17th: Janua^{ry}: 169$\frac{4}{5}$ with List of their men &c^{a}: The Coyneing of ffanhams onely will not require an Assay Master, there being musters of them sent hither frequently to bee assayed w^{ch}: is a sufficient Checke. There may be occation for one if your Hon^{rs}: orders the Coyneing of silv^{r} Rupees, Gold Mohurs and Pag^{s}: wee thinke one mint is enough and if those [. . .] should be made there of the same stampe with Fort S^{t}: George, it will be difficult to fix Deceipts in Coynage (if any be) on either of the mints and if they are made of different stamps neither of the stamps will passe soe [. . .] Coyned.

74. Your Hon^{rs}: bussinesse went on very we [ll] at Vizagapatam till interupted by a quarrell between the Seerlascar and Rajah Chitteram who formerly cut off the Cheife &c^{e}: of that [. . . Factory] begun it and joined with Sumberde, thay have by degrees drawn the rest of the Rajahs into their confederacy and have shutt up the Seer lascar in Chinacall ffort, from whence he cannot escape nor has force enough to oppresse them unlesse the King send an Armey to his assistance. M^{r}: Holcome &c^{e}: have secured the money w^{ch}: was given out to the Merch^{ts} and with the Seer Lascars approbation have taken the oppertunity of ffortifying the place soe well they write they are in noe danger of any assault when these troubles first begun in Septem^{r}: last wee wrote to the Agent & Cou[ncill] of Bengall to Order the Princesse and y^{e}: Countrey shipping to touch at Vizagapatam in their Passage hither But none have called there as soon as the shipp London ffrigat returns from Fort S^{t}: David (wh[i]ther she was dispatched the 22nd Instant with money and Goods to the amount of Pag^{s}: 15000.) She shall be sent to Vizagapatam with men and ammunition, and to bring away the bales, M^{r} Langley not thinkeing fitt to concent y^{t}: the Dorothy should upon this occation make a Trip[p] thither.

75. Wee send [. . .] a Certifycate [signed] by us of the Goods rec̄d ℔ shipp London ffrigat the manufacture or produce of England. The [. . .] Cloth hath suffered much damage occati[oned] partly by ill [. . .] by the Examination and Report whereof your Hon^{rs}: will receive by the next shipp from the Warehousekeeper and other[s] appointed thereunto.

76. M^{r}: Langley acquainting us that the Cloth ℔ shipp Dorothey was alsoe damaged, wee have advised him for preventing of further damage to bring ashore, Air it and repack it, and upon his request have appointed severall of your Hon^{rs}: Servants to assist him in takeing an acc^{t}: of the Damage.

77. Zulphaker Cawn many months agoe went with his Armey from Chinge, to take severall Hills and Forts w^{ch}: lye Inland from Chinge where still continues

and reports make it uncertaine when he will returne, or whether he will proceed further into the Majore Countrey, Traviling Peanes and Merchants [with] Letters from the Kings Campe near Vizapore advise that he hath imprisoned his Sonn Arum Tarra, and hath enlarged Shaw Alum and restored him to his former state and Command of 40,000 horse and that he will be sent to the Governm^{t}: of Caball, Lahor &c^{a}: Provinces bordering on the Kingdome of Persia, to prevent Sultan Eckbors incursions into those parts whome it is said the new King of Persia will assist If Shaw Alums restoration hold true it will make a great alteration in the [. . .]

[Accord]ing to your Hon^{rs}: orders we have acquainted M^{r}: Daniel Du Bois that he is dismissed from the time that he was sent for from Vizagapatam [. . .] Sallary for w^{ch}: time has [been bro]ught to his Credit in the Gen^{ll}: Bookes but shall be recharged to his Debt and the like method observed in M^{r}: Joseph Chapmans acco^{t}: if upon the determination thereof in the Court there does not appeare reason to acquit him from the Guilt w^{ch}: hitherto lyes upon him for his practices w^{ch}: he always did and still does pretend to throw upon M^{r} Dubois as y^{e} principall contriver, thô by the frequent examinations [w^{ch}] have passed both at Vizagapatam and here, there appeares noe reason to excuse him By the last examination of his acco^{ts}: by M^{r}: Fraiser & M^{r}: Barwell hee is reported to be indebted to your Hon^{r}: Pag^{s}: 252 [. . .] his disowning and refuseing to pay the [debt] and requireing a Tryall in Court The Atorn[ey Ge]nerall is ordered to prosecute h[im] in the M[ayors] Court, the Judge desireing it because he was con[cerned] in the Examination. M^{r}: [John] Hinchman haveing in the late Generalls time [been] found guiltey of embazelling above Pag^{s}; 700. We had recd of the Sea Custome when M^{r}: Alford [was] receiver, he made goods Pag^{s}: 200: thereof the Residu[e] [was] recovered in the Court of Admiralty of M^{r}: Allford[s] Estate, M^{r}: Hinchman remaining a Debtor to his Execut^{rs}: for the sume since w^{ch}: he hath given us further reason to thinke him unfitt for trus[t] in that employment and therefore was employed onely in writeing and upon consideration of strictnesse of you [. . .] is now dismisse[d . . .] from your Hon^{rs}: service, wee are sencible M^{r} Allf[ords] Execut^{rs}: are really wronged by him and he is not in a cap[acity] of makeing them satisfaction and there [. . .] in their behalfe humbly [re]quest [. . .] it in England M^{r}: [Empson] who marryed the Widdow Allford doth herewith send his Petition to your Hon^{rs}: w^{ch}: setts forth the true state of the Case with M^{r}: Hinchmans Origenall Bond. 78.

Wee returned the ffactores Indentures and Bonds w^{ch}: your Hon^{rs}: sent out for M^{r}: Vicessimus Griffith w^{ch}: he hath signed and continues in your Hon^{rs}: service w^{ch}: before he designed to gett The ffactores Indentures for those who have served out Writers time, has usually been but for three Yeares, and it hath been so ordered by Consultation in ffort S^{t}: George for some whose ffactores Indentures came out from your Hon^{rs}: for five yeares, it being supposed a[mis]take in the writeing and because your Honour have not disapproved thereof wee have therefore consented that M^{r}: Griffith doe commence [. . .] after three years ffactorshipp. But there is a perticuler circumstance in his case, he requested leave to Returne home on the Berkley Ca[stle] w^{ch}: was granted and he seemed thereby to have quitted their service in India but he did not goe, hee designed to have gone by the Sampson, but the Yorke fforte bookes makeing him D^{r}: about 337 Doll^{s} for the Exchange of Dollers expended and laid out in Batavia w^{ch}: he owned in part and was therefore sued in the Court of Admiralty, where he [. . .] examination of his Acct^{ts}: acquaints [. . .] the whole demand haveing been made good by him in acco^{t}: thô not understood nor alledged before by himselfe, Now he signes ffactores Inden[tures af]ter haveing been a year in Country, the [. . .] refered to your Hon^{rs}: and [. . .] that if an Error be committed in [. . .] may be prevented in the [. . .] case for the fut[ure]. 79.

80. Mr: John [. . .] in October last quitted your Honrs: service in order to [re]turne home, to looke after some Estate fall[en] to him by decesse of his Relation and takes his passage upon this shipp and severall Children borne [here] whome their parents send home for Education among whome is Ann Seaton the Daughter of [. . . Le]ivt: Francis Seaton, who have served your Honrs: nine yeares in Bengall and this Garrison, and is a very able and usefull Officer he hath paid Pags: 20 permission (as the rest have done according to the inclosed List) and humbly hope your Honrs: will please to Remitte it.

81. Peter Elriver a servant of the Dutch Com[pany] and of Councill of Pollicat pretending a right [in] the halfe of the Estate of Peter Torris decd: an [Inhabi]tant of this Citty who by [a w]ill (as is alledged by the Contrarey party) disposed of his Estate to [his] naturll Children and appointed Trustees who have possession But Elriver aledges that by the Lawes of the Dutch and Porteguze nations [. . .] one halfe decends to the next kindred of the de[ceased . . .] wife of said Torris and therefore pray's that [. . .] case may be Judged according to the Customes [and] Lawes of the Dutch, and the reason alledged [is] that it is the practice of this place to allow Inhabitants to [. . .] their severall Cas[ts , . . .] and nations in [. . . inh]eritances & divis[ions] of Estats wch: allegation is true in Generall. But this being the first Instance as to Europe nations and considering after what manner Dutch have delt with Mr Blackmore, and [. . .] knowing whether they doe at Batavia all the like priviledge to Inhabitants of foreign nations, wee have resolved to referr it to your Honrs: directions and for the better understanding of the circumstances of the case and the matter of the request wee herewith send you Coppyes of two Petitions delivered by Peter Elriver and one by the [. . .] John Curoan. In the mean time tis determined that the halfe of the Estate [of] Peter Torris decd: doe lye under a security to be answerable to the demandant when your Honrs: orders shall arrive unlesse ye: Partyes shall [ag]ree ye differance between themselves.

82. Severall of your Honrs: servants first named in the List who came out upon the Charles & Berkley Castle and arrived here 23rd November 1692 being postponed in time to those yt arrived in the Sampson the first of October 1692, The late Generall &ca made an order of Consultation the 28th: Aprill 1693 that notwithstanding ye difference in the time of their arrivall they shall not take place now and hereafter as they are named in the List wch: order not being soe full and plaine but that still leaves roome for disputes between them concerning precedency to prevent wch: wee pray your Honrs: to: lett us know when the Writers commence ffactores & when the ffac[tores comm]ence Merchts.

83. The Action in the Court of Admiralty between your Honrs: and the late Presdt: Yale relateing to ye: Fort St: George Merchts: issued in a Decree for his paying Pags: 100: and the Atorney Generall hath acknowledged that the then Judge Advocate did tender the money [. . .] wee have not yet accepted There was an Action [en]tered against him in ye: Court of Admiralty relateing to the accot: of Presents, but he offering to refer it to our arbitration & signed a Bond to stand the award, wee withdrew the Action and have [spent] severall days upon the examination of the accot: and his allegations, as other bussinesse would permitte and is not yet brought to a conclusion, but the next shipp will bring your Honrs: an accot: of the Result, Hee has long given out that he would goe home by this shipp and has made preparations for it and demanded an order to the Commr: for his Passage wch: has not been denyed, But wee thinke he did not intend it, however seekes all occations for grounding a Complaint against us for stopeing him, and hath delivered the Judge a Protest for not hold[ing] a Court on a day he desired to determine a Cause depending between him and one Mudama [. . .] widow relateing to his letting Wootalinga out of Prison who was in upon an Execution. The London ffrigat Pacquet brought us a Coppy of your Honrs: overland Letters datd:

27th Octobr 169[3] relateing to him but ye: origenall never came to our hands. Wee observe the contents, but [can] give your Honrs: no answere to it at Present.

Dr Blackwall demanding a Tryall Atorney Generall was ordered to pro- 84.
secute [him] in the Court of [Admiralty] in wch: he did very Insolently vili[fy] the Court and your Honrs: Governmt: in India. The Court upon hereing did decree that he be sent to England being [un]fitt to continue in India, The reason will [appear] in the Judges [. . .] whereof a Copy comes inclo[sed] we determined to have sent him by the shipp, but upon his Petition representing the [. . .] of his familly, and ye: Generall directions [. . .] Letter to us Recd since wee suspended the Execution.

Herewith is a Coppy of the said Letter from the Generall dated 5th 85.
Decembr being an answere to severall Letter[s] wee had sent him giveing him an accot: of our proceedings wherein wee gladly observe to your Honrs: that he doth Generally approve the same perticulerly the dissmission of Mr: Dolben and the filling up the Councill of ffort St: George.

If wee have omitted any thing in the foregoing wee hope wee shall have 86.
an oppertunity of giveing your Honrs: further advices by the Armenian Merchts: or London ffrigat or both perticulerly the Phirmaund for Madrass concerning wch: wee recd the Generalls answere the 26 Instant is short and bussy a time to resolve upon a matter of that importance, also Mr: Peachey and Mr: Bowridge came from Bengall by the Princesse that their accot: may be here examined the former alledging that he has had noe notice of the matter alledged against him, wee have delivered him Coppyes thereof in Order to the receiveing his [. . .] but there were severall Bales of Cloth mentioned in the Bill of Lading but excepted as not Laden wch: were the [. . .] wch: his accots: are to be Judged of wee suppose they will come by the Martha if the Agent sends her hither with Graine & Salt Petre as wee ordered, and they advised that would.

[. . .] Honrs: herewith ye: Bengall Pacque by this [. . .] 87.
[. . .] List being from [. . .] their Generall [. . .] your Honrs. advise ye: arrival of the Martha & [Princesse] But wee doe not yet understand the [. . .] of their Cargo. alsoe the Bill of Ladeing [. . .] Invoyce for what Laden on shipp Princesse [. . .] of Denmarke in Bengall and here both [. . .] Honrs: accot: and the Permissive trade with [. . .] list of Diamonds,all wch: amount to a considerable vallue: God grant a safe arrivall) and that the new's may not prove true wch: came hither 4 months agoe from the Interloper at [Surat] That the Berkley Castle was taken by a ffrench shipp near the sounding.

Herewith comes the warehouse keepers Accot: of Europe clo[th . . .] sold 88
in twelve months past [and] a Pacquet of Letters wch: the Govr: of Manhela sent to the Presidt: for convayance for Europe directed to D. [Digo] de Vellatore. Mr: Styleman & Barwells Bonds.

The Betle farme let last year for Pags: 3,000 ending with this month wee 89.
have continued [it . .] to the same persons for the same sume without exposeing it to outcry by wch: wee may probably expect that something more would be advanced by persons in whose managem[ent] wee are not satisfyed, being cautioned by the trouble given us the yeare past by the Duans putting a [. . .] Betle to provide as well as wee [. . . pre]venting the Like and therefore the [. . .] are under the same obligation as before [. . .] expend 2 (or) 300 Pags: towards the [. . .] or Removeing of such obstructions. [. . .]

Inclosed [. . .] Request the [. . .] peice of ground of 52½ 90.
feet long and 37½ bro[ad . . .] walled in, and containing a tombe [built . . .] Mr: Bartho: Rodrigues decd. may be sold for [. . .] preserve the Tombe from being distroyed by [. . .] possessors of the Guard in wherein it lye [. . .] wch: ever can onely say that wee are[. . .] of any prejudice will arise from grant[ing . . .] his request, but wee would not doe it without your Honrs: grant.

91. Wee have noe Papers &c^{a}: ffactores Stores the Last Book [. . .] paper was not fitt for the use wee now buy and at dear rates.

92. The foregoing mentions or refers to severall acco^{ts}: w^{ch}: were intended to be sent but the ℔ sons concerned [. . .] have not finished them the Presid^{t}: doth acknowledge his failure in not sending the Minte acco^{t}: and is occationed by a differance with the minters upon the Coyning the Silv^{r}: Rupees wherein thay will not comply what he thinks reasonable the acco^{t}: whereof your Hon^{rs}: will have by the next M^{r}: Walsh has not finished the ffort S^{t}: George Generall Bookes ending Aprill last; thô long since brought to a Tryall Ballance but their happened an error therein w^{ch}: cannot yet be found out, and two persons appointed to assist him falling sick one after another was a hinderance, Yorke ffort Bookes and two paire of Indapora Bookes are [. . .] coppyed all but one Ledger. Wee have recd [Fort S^{t}.] David and Vizagapatam Bookes ending [. . .] last a paire of each. But wee chose [. . .] them with ffort S^{t}. George Bookes by the [. . .]w^{ch}: wee hope will accompany this [. . .] your Hon^{rs}. prosperity and succe[ss . . .] subscribe ourselves.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Obedient & ffaithfull
Serv^{ts}: N: H: W: F: J: S: T: W:
C: [B.]

Janu^{ry}, 169$\frac{4}{5}$,
List of the Pacquet ℔ [. . .] [dated 19th]:
No.
1. Fort: S^{t}: George Generall Lett^{r}: Janua^{ry}: 169$\frac{4}{5}$:
2. Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Gener: dat^{d}: 15th: Septemb^{r}: 1694.
3. Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Gene: dat^{d}: 18th: Ditto 1694.
4. Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen: dat^{d}: 23 ffeb^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.
5. Fort S^{t}: David Pacquet.
6. Two Lists of shipp Princesse Denmarks men 14th: Febr^{ry}: 169[4] [. . .] and 26th: Janu^{ry}: 169[4 . . .]
7. List of shipp Royall Jam[es . . .]men
8. Two Bills of Ladeing of [. . ,] dat^{d}: 26th: & 28th: Febru^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.
9. Acco^{t}: of Armes remaining Custody of M^{r}: Brough
10. List of necessarys want[ed for] use of the Generall Tab[le . . .]
11. Coppy of Passengers on ships James & Mary their comp^{t}: against Cap^{t}: Rack.
12. Coppy of Morice his paper [. . .] Cap^{t}: Rack
13. Coppy of a clause of a Letter ℔ Wilcox to Elihu Yale Esq^{r}: 3 Feb^{ry}: [. . .]
14. The Warehousekeep^{r}, his report of Cloth damaged ℔ shipp Princesse
15. The Shirurgeon his list of me[decines] to be provided for Fort S^{t}. George.
16. List of Souldiers ℔ shipp [. . .]
17. M^{r}. Styleman his Indenture[. . .]
18. M^{r}. Styleman & secureties [. . .] for performance of Covenant[. . .]
19. M^{r}. Wright his Indenture
20. M^{r}. Wright's Bond for per [formance] of Covenant.
21. M^{r}. Bar[w]ell his Inden[ture . .]
22. M^{r}. Barwell & secureties [. . .] for performance of Covenant
23. Coppy of a Generall Letter [. . .] Generall of India dat^{d}. 5th: Decmb^{r}: [. . .]
24. Coppy of P[eter] Elriver [. . .] 3 Petitions relateing to Estate of Padre Fort [. . .]
25. List of the present Mayor [. . .] Aldermen.
26. Coppy of M^{r}. [Oliver] [daffons . . .] request for buying of Goods.
27. Letters to the Spanish Embas [. . .] from Padre Guli[elmo.]
28. Pacquet of Letters to D Dieg [. . .] uatore from y^{e}:Govern^{r}: Ma[. .]

No.
29. State of the case between [. . .] Presid^{t}; Yale and the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company concerning [. . .] from the ffort S^{t}: George Merch^{ts} :&c^{a}:
30. The Warehousekeep^{rs}: acco^{t}: of[. . .]short delivered by [. . .] Princesse Ann of Den[mark . . . .] Roy^{ll} James & Mar [the . . .]
31. Ditto acco^{t}: of Europe Cloth & Lead [. . .] ffebu^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$ Janu^{ry}:
32. Bill of Ladeing of shipp [Princesse] Anne of Denmark.
33. Invoyce of Ditto.
34. M^{r}: Empsons petition to the [. . .]
35. [. . . Pacquet to the] Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}:
36. Acco^{t}: Remaines of stores in ffort S^{t}: George.
37. Coppy of Private saileing Orders to shipp Princesse Ann [of] Denmark.
38. M^{r}. Vicessimus Griffith his factors Bonds.
39. Dittos Bonds for performance of Covenants.
40. Coppy of Cap^{t} Blewets dispatch.
41. List of Diamonds.
42. Invoyces and Bill of Ladeing of permissive Goods.
43. Acco^{t}: of Good[s] Remaining in y^{e}: Fort S^{t}: George Godowns for England.
44. Acc^{t}: of Europe Goods for saile remaining in ffort S^{t}: George Godownes.
45. Acco^{t}: of what is wanting in ffort s^{t}: George and would sell well.
46. State of y^{e} Case with y^{e}: decree of y^{e}: Court of Admiralty against Doct^{r} Blackwall.
47. The late Presid^{t}: Yale his protest against M^{r}: ffraiser.
48. M^{r} Fraiser his protest against Elihu Yale Esq^{r}.
49. Certificates of Goods rec̃d in ffort S^{t}: George ℔ shipp London ffrigat of the manufacture and produce of England whereof two are signed by the Presid^{t}: & Councill one with and one without the Invoyce price.
50. Acco^{t}: stores [. . . for] the ordinary use of y^{e} Garrison.
51. Acco^{t}: Stores [. . . .] ffort S^{t}: George.
52. List of the Pa[cquets . . .].

List of Bookes.

No. 1. Fort S^{t}: George [. . .] Commencing ℔mo Febu^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$ Ending Ult [. . . 1694].

2. Coppy of Ditto ac[ctt: . . . com]mencing the ℔mo Janu^{ry}: 1693 ending Ult^{o} Janu^{ry}.

3. Fort S^{t}: George [Consulta]tion booke commencing the ℔mo Febu^{ry}. 169$\frac{3}{4}$ Ulto [December] 1694.

4. Fort S^{t}: George Cop[py] of Letters sent for ditto time.

5. Fort S^{t}: George Co[ppy] of Letters Rec̃d for ditto time.

6. Fort S^{t}: George [. . .] of the Gen^{ll} Acco^{t}: L: L: Commencing ℔ mo Octob^{r}. [. . .] ending 30 Aprill 1693.

7. Fort S^{t}: George [. . .] ditto time.

8. Fort S^{t}: George Acco^{ts}: commencing Janu^{ry}: 1693 ending Dece[mbr . . .] 1694.

The foregoing [. . .] of the ffort S^{t}. George Pacquet ℔ shipp Princesse Ann [of Denma]rke w^{ch}: all made up in a Box N. 4 Except the following [. . .] made up in a Pacquet apart fitt to send Post from any part of land to London If occation Requires Viz^{t}.

No. 1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter dat^{d}: 19th Janu^{ry}: 1694 [. . .] of shipp Princesse [Ann of Denmarke] And the following [. . .] Pacquet Viz^{t}.

N^{o}. 35. Bengall Gen^{ll}: Letter [. . .] Ditto Bill of Lade[ing . . .] Ditto Invoyce [. . .] Allsoe two Letters [. . .] Supra Cargo and [. . .].

To Capt: John Bluet
Com[r]: of shipp Princesse Ann of Denmarke.

Your [. . .] have given notice [. . .] ordered on Receipt to [. . .] and set sail and [. . .] most speedy attain [. . .] you arrive you are [. . .] delivered you as [. . .] Committees for the [. . .] Wee herewith deli [. . .] directs what Cour [. . .] are to touch in yo[. . .] because it is necess[. . .] to be keept private [. . .] your shipp may [. . .] deliver it to you [. . .] Seale, directed thus [. . .] S[t]: George their Sall [. . .] Comm[r]: of Shipp [. . .] in his homeward [. . .] To be keept priva[te . . .] open till you have [been . . .] to produce it to yo [. . .] an entrey thereof be [. . .] nicate the same either to him or [. . .] belonging to the ship or Passenger. [. . .] the passage, Unlesse in order to [. . .] said Orders you shall find occation [. . .] Officers, and when [. . .] need the said orders lett the same [. . .] tation of your sealed and kept in a Box or Chest [. . .] your successor know where it is [. . .] of your Mortality he may Readily [. . .] you a good Voyage and date this [. . .] this first day of ffebr[ry]: 169⅘.

Nath[ll]: Higginson.
William Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thom[s]: Wright.
Charles Barwell.

Fort S[t]: George 3[d] April 1695.

[. . .] Hon[rs].

Our last was dated the 19[th] [. . .] Princess Anne of Denmarke Copy whereof [. . .] Armenian Merchant, which no [. . .] [. . .] before March, and after y[t]: requireing [. . .] unlade her China Cargo and Lade [. . . Comm]ander of the shipp and other Coman [. . .] inion that she had lost her Passa[ge . . .] then spend the time in his pass[age . . .] in the Road till the 20[th] April by [. . .] will be Laden for Europe w[th]: 1000 [. . .] Salt-petre, 200 Cand [. . .] goods and Coast Bo [. . .] cludeing those of [. . .] London ffriggat a [. . .] Monsoon the Agent [. . .] ordered no ships to [. . .] and the cheif &c[a]: of [. . .] veyance, so that [. . .] without which we [. . .] of both shipps an [. . .] sufficient for the [Char] terparty time being [. . .].

Wee now send [. . .] of Salt-petre her [. . .] and 114 Fort S[t] David [. . .] w[th]: Pepper, but sup[. . .] procure pepper enou[gh . . .] then is convenient [. . .] sent the Amity to [. . .] proportion of Salt [. . . . .] Bales and [. . . . .] the London firiggat [. . .] procureable the A [. . .] the Amity will come [. . .].

With the London ffriggat [. . .] w[th]: a Commission to Supra [. . .] and to returne to us M[r] John [. . .] Mildmay doe accom [. . .] chosen M[r]. W[m] Morrice, M[r] Barkham Dean [. . .] Addison to goe of Council at York Fort [. . .] seing, and being resolved not to send any [. . .] nor any but such as were fitt for [. . .] have entertained M[r]. Richard Darley [. . .] Heath two free merchants to serve [. . .] being both men of experience in India, [. . .] well known and approved among us for [. . .] they have it signed Bonds referring to [. . .] whereof wee keep copies and send [. . .] herewith: They will both write to their [. . . your] Hon[rs]: being desireous of con [. . .] Hon[rs]: service

[. . .] ered Mr Barwell to cause copies to be [. . .] age of the Commission, Instructions [. . .] delivered him relating to ye affairs [. . .] wth. copies of your Fort Generall [. . .] all which he will send to your Honrs [. . .] wee hope wth. a good accot. of ye success [. . .] of affairs, having done all that [. . .] towards it.

[. . .] is a Duplicate of the certificate [. . .] business Ann of Denmarck of the goods of [. . .] and manufacturey of England recd: her [. . .] London ffriggat, and a valuation of ye ship [. . .] of Europe cloth recd: by Ditto shipp am [. . .] 2[illegible]: 60 which calculate is made not [. . .] but by the Loss in sale computed [. . .] the lowest selling price of cloth not dammaged.

Our last letter from Surrat advices the arrivall of the Thomas, but that the Narsaw was fallen upon the Arrab shoare and from the Island of Mezeireis sent two persons to Muscat for provisions, the Arrab sent the provisions but detained the Messengers, they had before seized ship Ceaser belonging to Surrat, The Commander [Capt. Wright] sent advice to ye: Narsaw to stand upon their [. . . gu]ard, the Arrabs having lately taken shipps of severall nations, and tis supposed are turned Pirats.

Our last Letter [. . .] in Mr. Braborne at Rhetorah dated the 15th March [. . .] that shipps Resolution and Defence were dispatcht from Surrat in Februry: and that there was [. . .] probability of the Thoms: following full Laden.

Letters from [Beng]all dated the 15th February advise that they [that] day dispatch'd the Success [. . .] a Cargo amount to [. . .] 330: 15: 4 and that the Hawke and the Seyr [. . .] sailed the 15th January. A countrey ship which arrived here the 31st past [. . .] that when he came over the Braces the Martha [. . .] was ready to saile through the new Deeps the 16th [. . .] ffebruary last bound hither Laden wth: Saltpetre and provisions.

Wee have heard nothing from Tonqueen, the Armenian Merchant brings news from Mala[cca . . .] not grounded on a [. . .] certainly that the Junke upon wch. Mr Blackmore and Sams [. . .] went, was in the passage for Tonqueen, cast on shoare [. . .] the Coast of Cochin-China and the Junke last [. . .] Blackmore and Sams gone overland from thence to Tonqueen, where it is said the King hath secured both the English and Dutch upon the accot. of the Cargo of the Junke formerly seized at Mallacca, wherein severall M[and]ereens are concerned, and at Malacca some say that the Pearle is detained at Tonqueen and the mas [ter . . .] dead, others that the ship was cast away upon [. . .] Barr upon her returne.

Att Fort St David the merchants have consentd. to contract for Pags 45,000 deliverable in August and January, but the terms are not fully concerted only they take Pags. 15,000 in Europe goods.

Mr. Lang [ley . . .] in the Dorothy sailed hence for China on the 27th March having taken a survey of the Dammaged [broad] cloth, the report of wch. we suppose he sends yo[ur] Honrs. in his Letter inclosed, with a Certificate of Goods brought out in said shipp of English [growth] and manufacture.

Mr. Go[ugh . .] in the Sarah wrote Letters by the Armenian Merchant to the President and others from Hockshew, intimateing that he was denyed [. . .] trade at Limpo, and disappointed and abused at Hockshew and that he resolved to come hither & proceed to Bengall for a Lading, But he do's not [. . . yet] appear.

[. . .] has spent many more takeing the severall Forts and woods wch: lye round [. . .] Chingee, and remains still at a great distance, & have taken all the lesser fforts is now goeing against [. . .] the strongest next to Chingee, the passages between place [. . .] and his army are so infested wth: Robbers [. . .] there goes very little goods from hence, and has [greatly] lessened or at least obstructed the trade.

The number appointed by your Hon^{rs}. for the [Council] of ffort S^{t}. George being six besides the Generall, [and] there being but five of us, whereof now one goeing [to the] West Coast, it was judged the more necessary to add another, to make up the number, which was [. . .] in Consultation ℔m^{o}: March and M^{r}: Edw^{d}: Tredcr[oft] chosen which is the reason of his subscrib [ing].

By the Royal James and Mary the las[t year] wee sent to Yorke ffort all the Silver and Mex [. . .] rec̃ed that year and all that we could procure here, Exchangeing, yet they have complained that [. . .] part thereof were not Curr^{t}. Wee now send [. . .] are Invoiced to us [. . .] London ffriggat for [. . .] and Mexico but [. . .] examining some of the Chest find that a great part thereof will not pay currantly there, and there are no other Dollers procureable. Wee take notice hereof, because [if] your Hon^{rs}: shall not every year send out a [. . .] quantity of proper Dollers, there may happen [. . .] a failure here, and it will not be in our power to [. . .] the West Coast.

Our last letter from Vizagapatam dated [. . .] but [an] accommodation, wherein the Sier Lasscar doth condescend to dishonourable terms dureing y^{e} quarrel the Raja's fforces made two attempts to plund^{r}; Vizagapatam as they have done Bimlipatam, but they were defeated by the people sent out by the Chief &c^{a}: dureing w^{ch}: commotion they have w^{t}: the Seir Lasscars approbation done something towards the ffortifying of Vizagapatam at the Inhabitants charge, and it is a probable oppertunity for obtaining a grant from the Mogull for it if ever he will grant any. That being the only place in all those parts which has not submitted to the Rajahs, and the Seir Lasscarr is greatly obliged: nothing shall be wanting that lyes in our power towards obtaining it, but it cannot be done wth: out expence the particulars will come by the Armenian Merchant.

Wee have sent Narrain as advised by the Princess to the Northern ffactories, to treat wth: them about takeing off Europe goods, he has given notice of his arriv^{ll}: [. . .] that the Merchants there do cons[ent] to [. . .] 00 Pag^{s}: callicoes a year and take off 20000 Pag^{s}. Europe Goods and the rest [. . .] money on condic̃on a ffactory be settled there but because he could not [. . .] so that he has prevailed wth. them to come up hither & treat further and is gone forward to Metchlepatam to treat wth. the Merchants there. Wee are.

P.S.—Inclosed are the muster Roll of ship London ffriggat and the Commanders receipt for one thousand Dollers paid [. . .] Charterparty.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: most obed^{t}. & faithfull [servants].

N: Higginson.
W^{m}: Fraser.
Jn^{o}: Styleman.
Tho: Wright.
Cha: Baswell.
[. . .]

List of the Pacquet ℔ shipp London

N^{o}. 1. Fort S^{t}. George Generall Letter dated the 3^{d}. April [. . .].
2. M^{r} Richard Darley his Bond.
3. M^{r} Thomas Heath his Bond.
4. Certificates of Goods rec^{d}. by ship London ffriggat of Eng[lish . . .] Growth and Manufacturey, with & without the [. . .].
5. The warehousekeep^{rs}. valuation of ship Damage of Europe cloth rec^{d}: ℔ shipp London Friggat.
6. M^{r} Langleys Letter to the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}: Company.
7. Muster Roll of shipp London Friggat.
8. Cap^{t}. Hattons receip^{t}. for 1000 Doll^{rs} p^{d}: him on Chart^{r}. party.
9. List of Diamonds Laden on ship London Friggat.
10. List of the Pacquet.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE 6 JUNE 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : THE GOVERNOUR DEPUTY AND COMMITTEES
OF THE R^{T} : HONOURAB^{EL}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

May it please your Hon^{rs}:

Our last Letters to your Hon [. . .] were dated the 19th January last ℔ ship Princess and 3^{d} Aprill last via West Coast shipp London ffriggat. The copies whereof wth : the lists of those Pacquets are inclosed. Th[is] comes by shipp Armenian Merchant Cap^{t} : Thomas Newnam Commander, who in hopes of gaining his pass[age . . .] round about the Cape without touching at the Mauru [. . .] chose to stay so long in this Road as the Berkeley Castle did. ℔ Ship Armenian Merchant.

Our last advised your Hon^{rs} : [. . .] the takeing of Europe goods and provision of fine paintings and cloth ordered by List, which cannot be had elsewhere. The copy of our Consultation and Instructions to Narrain come inclosed. The Pettipollee Merchants not complyeing with the terms proposed, are come hither to treat further, but doe hitherto peremptorily refuse to enter into Contract unless a ffactory be settled at Durampat as formerly at Pettipollee &c^{a}. The same Merchants a little before the withdrawing of those Factories Creditted your Hon^{rs} : with about 13000 Pag^{s} : without Interest, and the following year came hither and received their money. Besides these, there are another sett of Merchants come to treat, who formerly served the Interlopers at Durampat, and allways vyed wth : the Pettipollee Merchants and by that means occasioned former abatements there, the issue is uncertain, but there appears little probability that either of them will comply wth : our terms and the cheif reason seems to be that they cannot trust the Government.

3. [. . .] distance of the Nabob from this place being at Vellore, the greater hazard in sending thither then to Wandewas, and the continued reports of his suddain returne to Wandewas, hath with other circumstances detarded sending to the Nabob till now. Inclosed are the Coppies of our Consultation relating thereunto, and our instructions to the Dubash and Mulla who carry a Present to the Nabob, and are to obtain from him Letters to the grand Vizier his father [. . .] Phirmaund the grant of [. . .] Lyeing in the middle of the new Towns, the Rent of y^{e} : [Jun Cans . . .] round Madrass, and the Nabobs Perwanna's for the free passeing of our business, and to prevent the like trouble at Fort S^{t} : David, which has lately happened to the Dutch at Pollichery. The reasons and particulars appear in our Consultation.

4. There has come but very small quantities of Malab^{r} : Pepper overland, and at such times when our Buzar tooke it off at Pag^{s}, 27 & 28 ℔ Candy but we have bought 200 Candy of Mallabar Pepper that came by sea at Pag^{s}. 25 and 113 Candy of Sumatra Pepper at Pag^{s} : 23 & [. . .] ℔ Candy and have now about 369 Candy in y^{e} Godown, besides 108 Candy Laden on the Armenian Merchant. Our last letter from ffort S^{t}. David advises that they have bought 7 Candy overland Pepper at Pag^{s} : 23¼ ℔ Candy and hope for more. That place lies more convenient for that trade then this.

5. Wee have heard nothing more concerning Tonqueen since our last, Upon the Encouragement & invitation given by the Embassadors of the King of Cochin-China to M^{r} : Thomas Bowyear whom he met wth : in Malacca three years agoe, M^{r} : John Affleck and others have adventured to send [a] ship thither wth : a Cargo of about seven or Eight thousand Pag^{s} : of all sorts of Goods for a triall. Herewith is copies of a letter from the President to the King and our Instructions to M^{r} : Bowyear He carries wth : him our Letter for M^{r} : Watts &c^{a} : at Tonqueen and tho' there be warrs allwais between Cochin-China and Tonqueen, yet we hope by that means to receive some advice from M^{r} : Watts. Wee cannot learne that the Dutch have had any new [. . .] last or this year from Tonqueen. There is a report by way of Siam that a shipp of theirs allso is stop'd.

6. On the 22^{d} April ship Martha arrived from Bengall and brought us 3394 bags of Saltpetre 1726 Pigs & [. . .] Lead Rice wheat &c^{a}. Provisions

66 Butts of sherry and twenty-five Barrells of Chocheneal. The Agent &c^{a}: sent M^{r}: Ravenhill to dispatch the ship in the Deeps, where three vessells lay wth: more provisions to put aboard the ship, but as the Cap^{t}: alledges the wind blew so hard that he could not take in the goods within the time limitted for his Dispatch, and so he came not full Laden and M^{r}: Ravenhill sent us no Bill of Ladeing nor Invoice, only the Boatswains rec^{ts}: expressing the marks and Numbers of parcells. By overland Letters we have since rec^{d}: an Invoice from Bengall amount to Rup^{s}: 154516: 1: 9 so soone as the unladeing of the ship is finished wee shall return her to Bengall wth: as many Rupees as shall be then coined or can be spared, which will not much exceed 20000 with part of her Lead & 300 Candy redwood.

On the 30 April ship Mary Cap^{t}: Thomas Oyles Commander arrived here from Persia bound for Beng^{ll}: But carrying no stocke with her but 50 chests [. . .] wine, nor goods [. . .] ffreight, wee have employed her whilest the Martha is unladeing to carry broad cloth[. . .] Treasure &c^{a}: to the amount of Pag^{s}: 28000 to ffort S^{t}: David intending at her returne she shall accompany the Martha to Bengall, and in the way call at Vizagapat^{m}: to deliver treasure and take in about 200 bales if [. . .] Holcomb &c^{a}: thinke it not safe to let them lye [. . .] Factory.

The Commander of the Mary advise that M^{r}: Brangu [. . .] was arrived at Gombroon on the Emrald and gone up to Spahawn with a Considerable number of bales & another Carravan was ready to follow wth: the rest and that he came out in company wth: the Nassaw bound for Surrat wth: the proceed of the Modenas Cargo and wth: ffreight goods Laden by Moors and Persians, the ffreight whereof he heard in Gombroon computed to amount to six or seven thousand pounds sterling, he parted wth: the Nassaw within 40 Leagues of Bombay.

9. The Arrabs have Landed at Cong and have plundered to the value of 60000 Tomands, destroying all they could meet wth: of the Portugueze, after that proceeded for Mangelore wth: a ffleet of Eight ships, whereof the Admiral of 70 Guns most of the rest from 40 to 60 [. . .] and there landed 4000 men, destroyed all the Portugueze Vessells and men they could meet wth: and Ladeing [. . . the] ships wth: rice returned for Muscat. The Viceroy [of] Goa was at the same time cruising more northward wth: a lesser ffleet in quest of the Arrabs and after they were gone returned to Goa. In Mangelore Road the Arrabs finding a ship at anchor w^{ch}: they supposed [. . . to] be a Portuguez, sent two or three ships [w^{ch}: board her] to rights. But it was a ffrench ship lately arrived from Europe commanded by Mons^{r}: dePrade about 40 Guns they destroyed many of the Arrabs, but at [. . .] being overpower'd wth: number of shipps they got under [saile] made the escape to Goa, the ship shattered and the Commander killed wth: about thirty more and there the ship lyes [. . .] of Surrat a supply of money, having brought nothing but advices, we hear of no other French shipps arrived in India. The Arrabs after their designe upon Cong was executed, released the Ceasar and the two persons sent to Muscat from the Nassaw. Their Fleet hath since met wth: English ships at sea and treated them civily, declareing themselves at peace with y^{e}: English.

10. In the latter end of the last month arrived a ship from Goa at S^{t}: Thoma upon which came a Fidalgoe Francisco Lewis a relation of the Viceroy's, who is called Generall of the Coast, upon the ℔m^{o}: Instant summoned the cheif Inhabitants and read his Commission the purport whereof is said to be that the Viceroy gives him power to mannage all business on y^{e} Coast of Choromandell, and requires all the subjects of the King of Portugall to obey and assist him in the execution of his Instructions w^{ch}: are hitherto kept private. Two things are reported, the setting up an inquisition office at S^{t}: Thoma and y^{e} calling all Portugueze to S^{t}: Thoma under pain of treason. He has brought wth: him Commissions for a Captain of warr by sea and [. . .] of the Land fforces. But there appears no men, money nor ammunition. So that the Fidalgoes greater bussiness is supposed to be the gaining of an addition to the stocke of the new Company at

Goa. The Inhabitants at S^{t}: Thoma are greatly disgusted and much divided among themselves, and the wiser sort laugh at these Bravados, while they see them[. . . .] power and strict watch of the [. . .] Proclamation Round the town, that no Portugueze should wear a[. . .] without the walls of the town. There appears no reason yet to take any publick notice of their proceedings, be [. . .] knowing their good will to us we shall watch their mo[vements].

The Bishop of S^{t}: Thoma hath a long time by his private orders to the Inhabitants of Cuddalore a[gainst] Padre Gulielmo de Valle, obstructed his goeing thither but by late letters from Goa, the impediment is removed for upon the applications made thither by the Bishop and the Padre against one another, the Padre hath gained the point and it is said that the Viceroy has given orders to the Bishop not to intermedle in the places where the English have the civil governm^{t}: Padre Gulielmo is gone to Cuddalore wth: a Licence whereof copy is inclosed. Having found that Padre Paulo de Saõ was the cheif instrument of y^{e}: Bishop at Cuddalore, and was very busy and active in execution of the Bishops orders, he is expelled by [. . .] the bounds, under penalty of a months imprisonm^{t}: whenever he returns. 11.

Our Last letters from Vizagapatam advice the conclusion of a Peace between the Seir Lasscar and Raja by which he submits to quit his residence in y^{t}: Country leaving his brothers son to govern those parts and permits the severall Rajas to a [. . .] He is now gone to [. . .] Metchlepatam and in his journey called [. . .] and [. . .] gave M^{r}: Holcombe[. . .] he[. . .] for the carrying [. . .] a very kind resentment of their defending the place ag^{t}: the attempts of the Rajahs fforces, the acco^{t}: whereof will best appear by the inclosed copies of their own Letters. 12.

Dureing those troubles there was a stop put to the Investment, and their only business was to secure y^{e}: Factory, now they advise us that the countrey is so well setled, that their Merchants will undertake another Investm^{t}: of 30 or 40,000 Pag^{s}: and desire a supply of money. But we dont thinke it convenient to send at present more then 10 or 15,000 Pag^{s}: for three reasons (1st): Because it is safer not to trust so much into the countrey till the Peace is better confirmed, and till it do's appear that y^{e}: warr will not breake out againe, which is not improbable for the Sier Lascar is forced to comply wth: very dishonourable conditions and if he be not removed from the Governm^{t}: will doubtless endeavour to regaine his Credit & reduce the Rajahs to better terms. (2^{dly}): The Rajahs are now more Govern^{rs}: then the Moors of the countrey and may probably take the first oppertunity of revenge for former passages. Citteram has lately demanded y^{e}: Loan of money offering the rent of Towns for security, which must be refused for if it be lent it will never be repaid (3^{dly}): wee had dureing the troubles sent them your Hon^{rs}: List of goods that they might be considering what sorts [. . .] be provided in the countrey when setled. But they now [. . .] Merchants cannot undertake any Investm^{t}: [. . .] old terms and old sorts Longloth, [. . .] bettellas and sailcloth in equal parts[. . . . .] resolved that they doe at present Contract only for 10 or 15000 Pag^{s}: deliverable in September and in the mean time treat wth: their Merchants for a [. . .] contract and other sorts. 13.

When the warr first broke out, M^{r}: Holcombe &c^{a}: beg [. . .] to Fortifie, and having the Seir Lasscares approbation proceeded so farr as to build two Points and three sid[. . .] as by the inclosed draught, wherein they propound inlargeing the ffortification southward to 330 foot in length. But we have directed not to exceed 248 foot, because [. . .] larger it is the more men it will require for defence. They and we supposed this a good oppertunity for gaining a ffortification, and that the enjoyment of it may be secured by a grant from the Sier Lasscar and the Mogull. Wee sent them a letter from the President for the Sier Lasscar, which dureing the warr they could not find an oppertunity to 14.

convey safely. and when the Sier Lasscar was at Vizagapatam, they judged it not convenient to deliver it, or to discourse the Sier Lasscar about the finishing or confirmation of their ffortification and give this reason for it Viz., [. . .] letter starting it before the Copanees should cause him to impede that he is willing to Connive at, and by asking leave for that we were not impeded in, create to [our]selves some obstructions in the liberty we allready enjoy which we dont understand, for if the Sier Lasscar doth really approve, and will ever confirm our ffortifying at Vizagapatam, he would have done it at that Juncture and wish [. . .] his approbation it is vain to think [. . .] Mogulls. Ha[. . .] connivance may but lead us into the charge of ffortifying and when it is done if not approved by the governm^{t}: we must either buy it dear, keep it by force or quit it. If the Sier Lasscar would not consent to the continuance of it, it is better his intentions were known at first then afterwards. We should not dare to engage your Hon^{rs}: in a war wth: him for the gaining and keeping of a ffortification by force. However since they have Proceeded so far we order them to goe on and finish, and in the mean time shall write to the Sier Lasscar for his Rocca, without which we have nothing to plead wth: the Mogull for his consent, nor can we make any application to Court, nor can wee expect that the Sier Lasscars successor will let us enjoy it quietly. It is not in the power of the Sier Lasscar to grant a ffortification but he can grant a House or place of Defence against Robbery w^{ch}: was carefully distinguished in the letter to the Sier Lasscar, and so advised to the Cheif &c^{a}. of Vizagapatam, but they thought it better not to put the Sier Lasscar in mind of a ffortification for fear of a deniall.

15. In Fort S^{t}: David the merchants have lately contracted for an Investment of 45000 Pag^{s}: deliverable in August, January and March, whereof wee are to pay them 30000 Pag^{s}: in money, and 15000 Pag^{s}: in Europe Goods, which is all sent them. The copy of the contract comes herewith, wherein thô there is an advance on [. . .] of the Courser goods, yet there is an equal aba[. . .] They had the List your Hon^{rs}. [. . .] the Merchants would not Contract for any other sorts. There happening a quarrel between M^{r}: Zouch Troughton there, and James Lessley Lieuten^{t}. of the Guard, they both came hither, and upon full hearing of the whole [matter] we have dismissed Lieutenant Lessley from bearing any office in that Garrison. They have had a considerable quantity of Grapes growing in Cuddalore last year, and many more vines are now planted, the ground proveing very proper The grapes have made sixty Gallons of wine as good as that at the Cape and y^{e} next year a larger vintage is expected. M^{r}: Haynes has observed the ground to be proper for Mulberry trees and has propounded a triall to be made of y^{e} breeding of silke worms in order to which we shall write to Bengall for two or three of na[tives] who understand it, that an experiment may [be] made. The repairs of their ffortification is not finished, but they goe on wth: it as fast as they can get materials. We sent them by the Mary six of the nine Great Guns which came by the Royall James and Mary, which was the first oppertunity.

16. Our last letters from Surrat dated the 8 March last, advices on the 11th. February the Resolution & Defence were dispatched from thence to Bombay, their

17. Cargoes amount to Rupees 600441 : 16. besides 245580 lb. Pepper.

The Mogull has long remained with his Camp at Gurg [. . .] not far from Vizapore, wee are lately informed that he [. . .] removed wth: his whole Camp to Vizapore, and after a short stay he had proceeded two days Journey towards Delhi. But wh[i]ther he is [going unknown]. It is the generall opinion, that he cannot leave that countrey till he has either conquered or made Peace wth: the Morattas. The latter has been long in treaty between Ram Raja and Zulphaker Cawn. The king keeps his sons wth: him, Sha Allam and Cawn Bux at Liberty, but Arrum Tarra, the Moratta's freind, under confinement.

18. Our letter by the Princess promises your Hon^{rs}: more then we have performed Viz^{t}. an acco^{t}: by this shipp of severall things then depending relateing to M^{r} Peachy, M^{r} Bowridge, President Yale and M^{r} Gibbons and M^{r}. Constable.

M^r^ Peachy came upon the Princess and the Agent &c^a^. sent severall Papers against him. But there was no charge exhibited relateing to the Maulda Investment they only wrote that they had sent sever^ll^: Bales of cloth containing musters of that Investm^t^: [. . .]. They came now by the Martha, without an acco^t^: of what they are, so that there doth nothing Yet app^r^: whereon to ground an action upon that acco^t^. But we have Entred an Action against him in the Court of Admiralty for Rupees 8202: 3. the remains of Maulda factory which he brought from thence, & for severall Errors in Accompts.

M^r^. Bowridge came at the same time, the Papers of Import sent against him are two, An acco^t^. of goods bought by him at Radnagur, wherein the cost doeth amount to five or six thousand Rupees less then charg'd in his Invoice. But it is only a Translate of acco^ts^: delivered by severall Delolls to Agent Charnock not signed by him or any body else, and will not [. . .]. Evidence in any Court. The other is a copy of a writeing chop'd by the Cozee, containing y^e^ [. . . of] severall Delolls but it is accompanied w^th^. another Paper signed by the same persons, declareing that attestation to be false and that they were compelled by force, and with severall other attestations in [favour] of M^r^. Bowridge. By all that yet appears we don't see cause to prosecute him in the Court. 19.

President Yale his acco^t^: of Presents to Prince Cawn Bux, has been long since examined with him in each article, and there remains nothing more to be done then the concerting of an award, which amounting to much less then was supposed, has yeilded to other more urgent business, he not being in hast to leave India, there is time enough for that and other matters as occasion offers. 20.

M^r^ Gibbons has been long very sicke of a dangerous fflux. By the Samuel was sent his acco^ts^: of the reason of leaving Indrapora ffactory. His narrative of the most material passages dureing his residence there, relating to the Dutch Practices, and in Deans attesta[tion] of the Dutch Practices at Indrapora. Your Hon^rs^: had been advised that the Indrapora Generall Bookes were drawn out of such acco^ts^: and loose papers M^r^ Gibbons produced, dureing the time of his Cheifship They come herewith divided into two parts the first Letter B. from the time of his arriveall to Sep^br^. [. . .] 1690 when he alledges that he resigned the charge [of] the godown to others. The second Letter C. from the time to his quitting [the] ffactory. There appears no manner of acco^ts^: before his time (except M^r^. Clement du Jardins Acco^t^: of a voyage) so that the bookes begin w^th^. the stocke carried over by M^r^. Gibbons, and the acco^t^: rendered by him of the remains then found in the Factory, and are composed of very imperfect acco^ts^. and therefore cannot be supposed to be exact, but it is all that can be done towards the stateing of Ind[r]apora acco^ts^. The Remains which these Bookes make to be left in y^e^ ffactory at M^r^: Gibbons quitting it, amount to Ryalls 33632. It hath been demanded of M^r^ Gibbons to give reasons why the same should not be charged to his acco^t^: and to give his answer to severall objections and remarks made to the acco^ts^: amount to Ryalls 6589 : 5 : as doth more particularly appear in our Consultation 20^th^ September 1694. Copy of which remarkes and his answ^r^: come herewith for your Hon^rs^: peruseall and wee pray your Hon^rs^: to give us your directions for fürther proceeding. In the meantime if M^r^ Gibbons recovers we shall require his further answer. 21.

M^r^ Constables Acco^ts^: and his charge against M^r^ Hatsell are fully examined in every particular, & there remains nothing but a report to be made of the amount of his Debt to your Hon^rs^: The many papers that have pass'd between us and Fort S^t^: David upon this occasion will make a small Booke, and shall be copied and sent your Hon^rs^: whereby it appears that he has charged M^r^: Hatsell falsely and maliciously, has not dealt [fairly] in his business and acco^ts^: and is a very troublesome ꝑson such men [. . .] such cases give us a great deal of trouble [*Pages 63 to 68 both inclusive are completely lost*] last copy whereof comes inclosed, w^th^: copy of a paper deliver'd by M^r^ ffraser, and the Presidents answer thereunto, which are all humbly refer'd to your Hon^rs^: censure. The said 22.

papers containing matters of difference, wee rather choose to send them to your Hon^{rs}, then to enter them in our Consultation Booke.

37. M^{r}: Henry Pullein having requested that he may go home by the Martha, and Cap^{t}: Raynes out of respect to his relations having promised to take care of him and carry him home, he do's not come by this ship as before mentioned.

38. Wee have no sea Coales left in the Garrison, we humbly offer to your Hon^{rs}: consideration, the sending out yearly at least 100 chaldron, for by all the calculate we can make, your Hon^{rs}: will really [save] money both in the smith work and Cook roome. Besides y^{e} convenience of having a store of fireing in the Garrison in case of a siege, and therefore we thinke your Hon^{rs}: cannot send to much for this Garrison and Fort S^{t}: David.

39 The Bill of Lading and Invoice of ship Armenian Merch^{t}: amount to Pag^{s}: 21612: 13: 5: and Bills of Lading & Invoice of Goods Laden on Permissive terms amount to Pa: 17009. 4. wth: List of Diamonds and Pearl. In the Invoice of this ship are two Bales of Manilha Longcloth mark'd L.C.M. 1. 2. and one bale marked [L.C.M. 60 Coved] musters of cloth offered to sale in January last, it being then intended to buy up 100 Bales of cloth fit for y^{e} Europe Mark[et] tho' not according [. . .] they did by our Orders at Fort S^{t}: David [. . .] to be enabled to lade home the London ffriggat directly but the reason of our sending home these three Bales and no more appear by y^{e} inclosed copyes of our Consultations on the 9th January and 5th February last whereunto we humbly referr.

40. Inclosed is copy of our Consultations dated 5th March and 8th May relating to examinations taken by Judge Fraser concerning M^{r} Thomas Grays Death, wth: said Examinations allso copies of the sentences of Court Martial upon sev^{ll}: Mutineers aboard ships Dorothy and Amity.

41. Among the Gold and silver thread which has been sent by your Hon^{rs}: to India, has been found three halfe pounds wth: thin plates of Lead and paper wound on the wooden Roll, and only covered over wth: Gold thread which Deceipt was never complained of, till the very last rem^{s}: [were sold of] and it is not known when or by what ship they came The Rolls are made up in the Pacquet.

42. Our ffort S^{t}: George Merchants in November & Dec^{r}: last made a Contract for 15000 Pag^{s}: Calicoes deliverable in ffebruary, but they have not yet finished the delivery of the cloth. They are in som disorder among themselves & when the Acco^{ts}: of former Investments are finished there must be som further regulation made in order to their union, or else they will not be able to carry on any considerable Contracts. Allingall one of the cheif merchants and y^{e} [man of the [g]reatest abilities among them died on y^{e} 12th [Instant].

43. M^{r} [. . .] your Hon^{rs}: will please to [. . .] your [. . .] his aforementioned Paper [. . .] answer, till he shall have an opper[tunity] by the ships goeing so suddainly [. . .] his answer.

44. Wee have goods enough on the Coast to lade the Mary in September, and we have thoughts as soon as she comes from Fort S^{t}: David to send her down to Vizagapatam (with Saltpetre &c^{a}:) to take in all the Bales they have then ready, and upon her returne fill her up and send her home, the latter end of September or begining of October, By which wee shall save her Demorage, and hope for another ship to send to Bengall in her stead, and by the Mary to have an oppertunity of returning your Hon^{rs}: an answer to your Letters by this years expected shipping. To w^{ch}: wee wish a safe and speedy arrivall, and Prosperity to all your affaires.

Your Hon^{rs}: most humble and
Obedient Servants

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

List of the Pacquet to the Comp^{a}: by the Armenian Merchant.

N^{o}. 1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter dated the 6th June 1695.

2. Copy of Ditto by ship Princess dated the 19th January 169$\frac{4}{5}$.

3. Copy of Ditto by ship London ffriggat dated 3^{d} April 1695.

4. Copy of the List of the Pacquet by ship Princess.

5. Copy of Ditto by ship London ffriggat.

6. Copy of a Consultation ordering Narrains being sent to treat wth: the Merchants of the northern Factories.

7. Coppy of y^{e} Instructions given Narrain for treating wth: D^{o}: Merch^{ts}.

8. Coppy of a Consultation ordering a present to be sent y^{e}: Nabob.

9. Coppy of y^{e}: Instructions to y^{e}: Dubash & Mulla for treating wth: y^{e} Nabob.

10. Coppy of y^{e}: Presid^{ts}: Letter to y^{e} King of Cochin China.

11. Coppy of Instructions given M^{r}: Bowgear for treating wth: D^{o}:

12. Coppy of Padre Gulielmo Qualle's Licence.

13. Coppy of Vizagapatam Gen^{ll}: Lett^{r}: dat: 4th: May: 1695.

14. Draught of Vizagapat^{m}: ffactory.

15. Coppy of Fort S^{t}: David Contract.

16. Coppy of remarks made on M^{r}: Gibbons Acco^{tt}:

17. Coppy of M^{r} Gibbons answer thereunto.

18. Coppy of a Consultation relateing to M^{r}: Walton.

19. Coppy of D^{o}: relateing to M^{r}: Pulleine.

20. Coppy of an Acc^{tt}: rendered by M^{r}: Empson of M^{r}: Davis estate in y^{e}: hands of M^{r}: Henry Alford dec^{d}:

21. Coppy of an acc^{tt}: rendred by D^{o}: of M^{r}: Davis his estate & an Acc^{tt}: Curr^{tt}: signed by Sarah Pitt & John Dolben & a Coppy of M^{r}: Nicks recp^{ts}: for Pag^{s}: 694: 13:—

22. Acc^{tt}: of ships & boats imported here from y^{e}: 20th: Jan^{ry}: 169$\frac{4}{5}$ to y^{e} [. . .] June 1695.

23. Coppy of Contract made by y^{e}: Presid^{t}: & Councill wth: y^{e}: freight of Ship Armenian Merch^{t}.

24. Mess^{rs}: [. . .] Affleck their computation of y^{e}: amo^{t}: of [. . .] goods Acco^{t} by ship Armenian Merch^{t}: from Chi[. . .]

25. Copy of an ord^{r}: [. . .] Court of Admiralty relateing to D^{o}:

26. Freighters of ship Armenian Merch^{t}: their Acc^{tt}: Curr^{tt}:

27. Cap^{t}: Newnams recp^{ts}: for 500 Doll^{rs}: paid him on Charterparty terms.

28. Coppy of Cap^{t}: Newnams Lettt^{rs}: to y^{e}: Presid^{t}: &c^{a}: dat: 18 May 95 wth: their answer thereunto.

29. Coppy of Cap^{t}: Newnams Letter to D^{o}: dat: 11 June 95 with their answer.

30. Coppy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Lett^{r}: to y^{e}: Gov^{r}: &c^{a}: of Trincomb^{r}:

31. Coppy of y^{e}: Gov^{r}: &c^{a}: of Trincombars answer to D^{o}: Lett^{rs}:

32. Coppy of a Consultation dat: 10 May 1695 relateing to M^{r}: Troughton, Lev^{t}: Leisly, Dean &c^{a}.

33. M^{r}: W^{m}: Frasers paper dat: 14 May 1695.

34. The Presid^{ts}: Answer thereunto dat: 30 May 1695.

35. Invoice of Goods laden on ship Armenian Merch^{t}.

36. Bill of ladeing of D^{o}:

37. Invoices & Bills of ladeing of Permissive Goods D^{o}:

38. List of Diamonds laden on ship Armenian Merch^{t}:

39. Coppy of Paragraph of Consultation dat: 9 Jan^{ry}: & 5th feb^{ry}: 95, relateing to 3 Bales of Manilla & 60 Cov^{d}: Long cloth.

40. Coppy of a Consultation dat [℔^{mo} Madras] relateing to M^{r}: Grays Death.

41. Examinations relateing to D^{o}.

42. Coppy of y^e^ : sentence of y^e^ : Court Marshall against y^e^ : Mutineers belonging to ship Dorothy.

43. Coppy of D^o^ : Sentence against y^e^ Mutineers belonging to ship Amity.

44. Bill of ladeing of ship Princess Ann of Denmark.

45. List of Diamonds laden on ships Princess & London ffrigatt.

46. Warehousekeeper his report of y^e^ Amo^ts^ : of Cloth damaged by ship London ffrigatt dat [. . .] Aprill 1695.

47. List of y^e^ : Bengall [. . .] Princess.

48. Coppy of a List sent by ship Princess Ann of Denmark of Stores for sale & stores for Garrison.

49. List of ship Armenian Merchant[. . .]

50. List of Souldiers by ship Martha.

51. M^r^ : Samuell Langleys Letter [. . .].

52. Consultations held aboard ship Dorothy relateing to the Mutiny also Declarations relateing to y^e^ : Mutiny aboard the ship Amity.

53. Letter directed to Don Diego Villatora from y^e^ : Gov^r^ : of Manilla to be sent to Madrid.

54. Private Sailing ord^rs^ : to ship Armenian Merch^t^ :

55. List of Passengers on ship Armenian Merch^t^ .

56. Three p^s^ : of wood musters of y^e^ : pines of y^e^ : beams of F : S : G: seales.

57. Two rolls of Gold thread w^th^ : Lead [i]n them.

List of Books.

N^o^. 1. Fort S^t^ : George acc^tt^ : Cash commencing ℔^mo^ Jan^ry^ : 169$\frac{4}{5}$ Ending Ult^o^ : May 1695.

2. Fort S^t^: George Gen^ll^ : Books Lett^rs^ : M : M : commencing ℔^mo^ May 93. Ending ult^o^ : Aprill 1694.

3. Fort S^t^ : David Gen^ll^ : Books Letter C : commencing ℔^mo^ : Octob^r^ : 92 Ending 30 Aprill 1693.

4. Fort S^t^ : David Gen^ll^ : Book Lett^r^ : D. commenc :[ing] ℔^mo^ : May 1693 ending also : Aprill 1694.

5. Vizagapatam Gen^ll^ : Books Letter L : commencing ℔^mo^ : May 1693. ending ult^o^ Aprill 1694.

6. [Indrapoora] Gen^ll^ : Books Letter B : commenceing 17 Sep^r^ : 1686 ending 30 Sep^r^ : 1690.

7. Indrapoora Gen^ll^ : Book Lett^r^ : C : commenceing ℔^mo^ : Octob^r^ : 1690. ending 23 May : 1693.

8. Fort S^t^ : George Coppy . book of Letters sent com : 4 Oct^r^ : 1692. ending 19 May 1693.

9. Fort S^t^ : George Coppy book of Letters rec^d^ : comm : 27 Sep^r^ : 1692. ending 2^d^ : May 1693.

All y^e^ : Books & Papers mentioned in the List are in [. . . Box] N^o^ : A : except y^e^ : Papers enclosed in y^e^ : [. . .] N^o^ : 1 : 35 : 36 : 37 : 38.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 15^TH^. JUNE 1695.

[To Y^E^ : HON^BLE^ : GOV^R^ : DEP^Y^ :
[COM]MITTEE OF Y^E^ : R^t^. [HON^BLE^ :]
ENGLISH EAST INDIA [COM]PANY.

May it please y^r^ : Hon^rs^ :

This is delivered to Cap^t^ : Newnam to be conveyed to y^r^ : Hon^rs^ : by the first oppertunity of sending by Post & serves only to give a Gen^ll^ : advice of some materiall passages in our Gen^ll^ : Letter.

The Martha arrived here from Persia (with 50 Chests of Wine) on 30 Aprill [. . .] to Fort S^{t}: David (on) her return will proceed [. . .] voyage [. . .] & fetch their [. . .] & be dispatcht from hence for [. . .] in Sept^{r}: or Octob^{r}: next; y^{e}: Cap^{t}: [. . .] y^{t}: M^{r}. Perangwin is gone to Spahawn with part of y^{e}: Cloth & since that there is advice y^{t}: y^{e}: rest is gone after. The Nassaw came from Persia in Company with the Mary bound for Bombay wth: the proceed of y^{e}: Modena's Cargo & freight Goods whereof y^{e}: freight will am^{t}: to 6 or 7,000£.

The Resolution & Defence departed from Surratt for Bombay 11 Feb[. . .] [with . . .] Cargo's amo^{t}: 6,00,441 Rup^{s}: & 245,510 lbs. Pepp^{r}:

At Vizagapatam there has been a warr between y^{e}: Seer Lascar, & [Rajahs] but a peace is concluded; The factory has been twice attempted by y^{e}: Rajahs forces but repulsed & during [y^{t}] commotion M^{r}. Holcombe &c^{a}: did with the [. . .] approbation begin a fortyfication. Their merchants doe no [. . .] on wth: their business [. . .] offer to Contract for 30 or 40,000 [. . .] [. . aved] Merch^{ts}: have contracted for [. . .] & had taken off Pag^{s}: 15,000 in [. . .] Fort S^{t}: George Merch^{ts}: have contracted for nothing [. . .] not finished their small investm^{t}: of 15,000 Pag^{s}: delivered [. . .] Feb^{ry}, last. They will write off no Europe goods nor will the [. . .] Northern Merchants of Pettipolee unless a factory be got [. . .] there or at Durampatt, and then they offer to take off 20,000 [. . .] yearly & to provide 40,000 Pag^{s}: Callicoes & Paintings.

We have sold but 55 bales of Europe cloth since [. . .] departure of the Princess & have 35 remaining in y^{e}: godown.

Bengall has sold all [. . .] ℔ Success & Martha [. . .] at rs. as. 3 10 ℔ yard but payable in March 1695 & Nov^{r}: 1696.

We have coined but 30,000 Rup^{s}: of [. . .] Silver y^{e}: greatest part whereof [. . .]

[*About four lines torn in the original.*]

A party of [. . .] went into y^{e}: bounds of Cuddalore but being opposed retreated.

Yesterday came advice from a vessell bound hither from Acheen but follo [. . .] y^{e}: Northward y^{t}: y^{e}: Pearl Cap^{t}: Howell is arrived at Ac[heen] y^{e}. ship disabled, as yet no farther news till the vessell came into port.

The Success went laden from Bengall in Feb^{ry}: last. The Amity went from hence in March to Vizagapatam from [. . .] whence she sailed laden with their bales for y^{e}: West Coast to meet the London ffrigate w^{ch}: departed from hence the first week in Aprill with M^{r}: Charles Bar[w]ell Supervisor &: factor & stock from whence I hope one or [two of] those ships will be laden home & will bring y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: On account of M^{r}: Barwells transactions there.

Y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Most humble & Faithful Servant
[. . .]

Fort S^{t}: George 15th June 1695.

To [y^{e}:] Hon^{ble}: Gov^{r}: Dep^{y}: &
[Co]mmittee of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}:
English East India Company.

May it please y^{r}: Hon^{rs}:

℔ Arm^{n}: Merchant

Being advised y^{t}: a Vessell bound for this Port from [. . .] falling down to the N^{o}: ward the master sent his [. . .] y^{t}: he had left the ship Pearl in Acheen. A letter was wrote [. . .] desireing him to send all the news he knew concerning the Pearl & those y^{t}: went upon her to Tonqueen where unto [. . .] y^{e}: enclosed answer w^{ch}: is all y^{t}: is yett come to our [. . .].

If we shall receive Letters of further advice before [. . .] Merch^{t}: sails y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: shall have an account [. . .] dat: 28 March last [. . .] mint to be coind [. . .] contracted for about 10,000 bales [. . .] not mention when deliverable.

We [have] made a platform before y^{e}: Seagate floored with Ironstone & [. . .] with Redwood & planted 6 of the largest Guns for defence of the [road] w^{ch}: will carry into 6 or 7 fathom [. . .] upon a Levell besides it will ꝑserve the Sea gate from the forces of the sea when driven [. . .] storm.

Inclosed is a Coppy from other Lett^{r}: rec^{d}: from the Master of y^{e}: vessell from Acheen w^{ch}: is all y^{e}: advice we have concerning y^{e}: affair.

Herewith is Cap^{t}: Newnams note declaring himself answerable for three [. . .] lead deliv^{d}: short & y^{e}: warehousekeep^{rs}: computation of y^{e}: weight & value Pag^{s}: 7.18 w^{ch}: we shall charge here to y^{e}: owners of ship Armenian Merch^{t}:

Inclosed are severall papers relating to one [Sam^{ll}:] Huxtable Carpenter [. . .] ship Armenian Merch^{t}: who being [. . .] committed aboard ship, Judge Dolben [. . .] Cap^{t}: Newnam refused to enter into [. . .] him wth: y^{e}: safe keeping & delive[ry] of the said Huxtable in England y^{t}: he may be then [brought to] a Tryall.

Your Hon^{rs}: most [faith]full &
obedient Serv[ants]

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

I Thomas Newnam Comd^{r}: of ship Armenian Merch^{t}: doe hereby acknowledge to owe unto their Sovereign Majestys of great Brittain y^{e}: full & just sum of one hundred pound good and lawfull money of England to be levied on my goods & Chattles Land & Teniments.

The Condition of this Recognizance is such y^{t}: if y^{e}: abovenamed Thomas Newnam shall deliver or cause to be delivered the body of Samuell Huxtable unto any one of his Majestys Justices of Peace within the Citty of London or Suburbs thereof & [. . .] upon oath his knowledge against y^{e}: said Sam^{ll}: Huxtable relateing to y^{e}: odious and detestable crime of Buggery by him committed upon the body of his Servant Rich^{d}: Asterly that he may be duly prosecuted for the same according to Law that then this Recognizance to be void or else remain in full force & vertue.

The above Recognizance was taken [. . .] acknowledged before me this [. . .] Fort S^{t}: George 18th: June 1695 [. . .] Certify to all whom it may [concern] that I did this 18th: day of [. . .] 1695 in y^{e}: presence of Captain [. . .] Rayns desire Cap^{t}: Thomas [. . .] to sign this Instrum^{t}: but [. . .] rather refused & denied [. . .].

To CAP^{T}: THOM^{S}: NEWNAM COMD^{R}:
OF SHIP ARMENIAN MERCHANT.

Whereas you have refused to enter into Recognizance as usuall in like cases for the safe delivery of the body of Samuell Huxtable in England & for prosecuteing him according to Law for y^{e} Crime of Buggerry whereof he hath been accused we the Presid^{t}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: George for y^{e} Hon^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: doe hereby declare you answerable for such y^{r}: refusall &

to y^e^ end y^t^ the said Sam^ll^: Huxtable may be brought to his due tryall we doe hereby order you to receive him aboard [y^e^: . . .] ship & doe declare you answerable for y^e^: safe keeping and delivery of him in England unto one of his Majestys Justices of y^e^ Peace with due informations of the crime he is accused of or to such others as can legally bring him to a tryall Dated in Fort S^t^: George this 18^th^: June 1695.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF PACKETT ℔ SHIP ARMENIAN MERCHANT.

18 JUNE 1695.

N^o^: 1. Coppy of Letter from John Ware da^t^: 1^st^: June 1695.
2. Coppy of D^o^: Dat: 18^th^ June.
3. Cap^t^: Newnams note concerning three slabs lead.
4. Coppy of severall Parragraphs of Fort S^t^: George Consult^n^: relateing to Sam^ll^: Huxtable Carpenter of ship Armenian Merch^t^: dat: 23 Aprill 1694,
26 APRILL 1694,
3 MAY 1694,
18 JUNE 1695.
5. Consultation aboard Ship Armenian Merch^t^: 27^th^: March relateing to D^o^: Huxtable.
6. Examinations taken by Judge Dolben relateing to D^o^.
7. Draught of a bond [. . .] to be signed by Cap^t^: Tho^s^: Newnam [. . .] Huxtable in England.
8. [. . .] to Cap^t^: Newnam for receiving & [. . .] 1695.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE, 29 AUG^ST^: 1695.

To
Y^E^: HON^BLE^: GOV^E^: DEPUTY & [COMMITTEE] OF Y^E^: R^T^: HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST [INDIA] COMPANY IN LONDON.

May it [Please] y^r^: Hon^r^:

By Danes Conveyance. This [comes] by y^e^. uncertain conveyance of y^e^: D[anes] she [. . .] recommended [. . .] Gov^r^: of Trincombar wherein we design to g[ive] y^r^: Hon^rs^: a short [account] of y^e^: affairs in India.

[. . .] left [. . .] y^e^: Armenian Merch^t^: dat: 6 June last [. . .] ship sayled from hence [. . .] arrived from China p^mo^: March & because her unladeing & ladeing would take up so much time as y^t^: y^e^: Com^drs^: & others concluded she could not [save] her passage the Com^dr^: chose to stay in this road as y^e^: Berkley Castle did the rather [. . .] in y^e^: way at Mauritius her Cargo consists of [. . .] Bales 1000 bags saltpetre 67 Candy Redwood and 108 Candy black Pepper [. . .] your Hon^rs^: acco^tt^: [. . .] permissive goods & [. . .].

The [. . .] makeing a trip [to Fort St. David] to carry [. . .] treasure and necessarys, sailed from hence on y^e^: 9^th^: Aprill last with [. . .] 1600 bags saltpetre & 114 bales Coast goods. Upon whom went M^r^. Charles Barwell Supravisor of the West Coast with full authority [. . .] Instructions for settling affairs there accompanyed by M^r^. John [Bu]tterfield & M^r^: Mathew Mildmay who return with him. M^r^. Richard [. . .] & M^r^: Thomas

Heath entertained to be of Councill at York [. .] factors willing to goe) & Mr. Barwick Salway writer [. . .] Europe & 20 [. . .] Souldiers: 32000 [. . .] Doll [. . .] & necessary stores &c^{a} & the better to secure the London frig^{tts}: Ladeing we sent the Amity from hence to Vizagapatam from whence she sailed 25 Aprill wth: 277 bales to meet y^{e}: London [. . .] & M^{r}: Barwell has ord^{rs}: to send one or both these ships di [. . .] to y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: as pepper can be procured to compleat their lad[eing] of [. . .] haveing rec^{d}: by a Country ship a Le[tter . . .] from [. . .] that they had then 140 Bahar Pep[per] [. . .] ships ladeing in a short [. . .] Invoice or bill of ladeing [. . .] we rec^{d}: 25 barrells Cochineal 66 butts wine & half [. . .] y^{e}: rest of the Martha & Success's Europe Cargo's being [. . .] in Bengall she returned from hence on 4th. July &c [. . .] Pag^{s}. 15000 to Vizagapatam and Rup^{s}: 21019 of the coin [of] Madrass for Bengall.

We are ad[vised] by Letters from Bengall dat: 28th. & 29th. March y^{t}. they have [sold] the broad Cloth rec^{d}: by y^{e}. Martha & Success at 3 Rup^{s}: 10 as. [. . .] payable half in Nov^{r}. 1695 & half in [. . .] 1696 [. . .] Ins^{t}. advise y^{t}: they have in y^{e}: [. . .] salt petre. 140 tons embaled goods & how [. . .] contracted for raw silk 1851 md^{s}: amot. to about 305160 Rup^{s}: & for all sorts of fine and course goods to y^{e}: amot: of 688213 Rup^{s}. besides 15000 Maunds salt petre all deliverable anno 1695. The tonnage of the whole amounting by calculate to about [. . .] so y^{t}: they will be prepared to give the [. . . Mar]tha and another ship an early dispatch & full ladeing so soon [. . .] is over [. . .].

[*three or four lines lost here.*]

The Princess Ann of Denmark in [. . .] ted here from Bengall on 9th: Jan^{ry}: last & brought 938 bales [. . .] 4 [. . .] Chests Shellac for y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: acctt: & 5000 bags salt petre being filled up wth: provisions &c^{a}: w^{ch}: being taken out wth: 1500 bags saltpetre her Tonnage was compleated wth: 441 bales 42 chests & tubs [. . .] & she siled hence on y^{e}: 3^{d} Feb^{ry} wth: a Cargo [. . .] Pag^{s}: 20 9019·35 including y^{e}: Provisions [. . .].

The Martha & [. . .] Bengall on y^{e}. 3^{d}: Dec^{r}: & brought them £ 100000 woth in silver & 27 barr^{lls}: Cocheneal from Cadiz y^{e}: Success & Hawk were both dispatcht from thence full & well laden. The Hawk in Jan^{ry}: y^{e}: amo^{t}: of her Invoice Rup^{s}: 260041·10 & the Success y^{e}: 15 Feb^{ry}: y^{e}: amo^{t}: of her Invoice Rup^{s}: 323045·14.

The Martha was laden wth. 5340 bags Saltpetre Provisions &c^{a}: at Kedgeree in y^{e}: D [. . .] strong winds forced to sail before full laden [. . .] her Cargoe in the Buyer & Ketches w^{ch} a[rrived] here on 22 Aprill without Invoice if they had but stock for want of which they could then buy [. . .].

The Mary imported here 30 Aprill from Persia in her passage for Bengall & was designed she should accompany the Martha thither but haveing rec^{d}: advice by y^{e} Master of a small Country vessell from Acheen y^{t}: y^{e}: Pearl was arrived there from Tonqueen & had brought a considerable Cargoe but y^{e}: ship disabled & could not proceed hither & y^{t}: M^{r}: Keeling & M^{r}: Farmer were come upon her wee therefore thought it for your Hon^{rs}: service to send her thither to fetch away the goods & now rather then she should lye Idle in Bengall & after she made a trip to Fort S^{t}: David she sailed hence on 25 July [. . .] on whome went M^{r}: Enock Walsh chief of y^{t}: Expedition who carried wth: him y^{e}: necessary orders & instructions for application to y^{e}: Queen as occasion requires. Upon y^{e} Marys return from Acheen we shall be in a readyness to give her a full ladeing for England. We rec^{d}: no letter from M^{r}: Farmer &c^{a}: at Acheen (y^{e}: vessell comes away suddainly) & therefore we cannot give y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: any acc^{tt}: of what the Pearl has brought from Tonqueen nor in what condition she left y^{e}: factory there.

The Dorothy after touching at y^{e} West Coast came here on y^{e}: 15 Dec^{r}: & departed on y^{e}: 27th March for China: The Cloth by the London frigatt being

much damaged we advised Mr: Langley to bring all his Cloth Ashoar & air it wch: he did & found considerable damage & ye: cloth sent to Persia & Surratt by ye: Mary &ca: was also damaged by every ship.

Mr: Gough in ye: Sarah haveing been denyed trade at Lympoo & disapointed & ill treated at Hockshew proceeded to ye: Islands near Amoy where haveing bought some goods but could not finish his business he came hither by way of Battavia & Bencoolen on the 20th: June & is proceeded for Bengall with the Martha to finish the Investmt: of his stock.

The Merchts: of Fort St: George have contracted in Novr: & Decembr: last for Pags: 15,000 deliverable in Febry: but have not yett finished that small Investmt: They have been offerd & urged to Contract for 50,000 Pags: [. . .] to take off all or part of our Europe goods but they have [. . .] to Contract for more then 15,000 Pags: & all money we have therefore closed with a Contract at Fort St: David in March last for Pags: 45,000 deliverable in Sepr: and January & have paid them Pags: 30,000 in money & Pa: 15,000 in Europe goods.

Att Vizagapatam their Investmt: hath been for the greatest part impeded by a war between ye: Seer Lascar & Rajahs dureing wch: the factory was twice attempted by the Rajahs forces but they were repelled & Mr: Holcombe &ca: have taken this oppertunity to form the buildings into a fortifycation & they have now about 12 Guns mounted & 20 Souldiers Upon their advice of a peace & that their Merchts: were willing to Contract for 50,000 Pags: we sent them down by ye: Martha Pags: 18,000 not being willing to venture more till the Country appear to be settled there remaining still reason to fear a renewall of the quarrell between ye: Seer Lascar & Rajahs.

We are advised by ye Genll: yt: ye: Defence & Resolution were dispatcht from Bombay on 19 Febry: The Mary Capt: Eyles brought us the good news yt: she & ye: Nassaw had delivered all the cloth at Gombroon & yt: Capt: Brangwin was arrived there from Surratt & gone to Spahawn wth: a considerable part thereof & ye: rest was to follow. The Nassaw parted from Gombroon at the same time with the Mary wth: a rich freight & in May last was sent from Surratt to Bombay in order to her being filled up there & dispatched for Europe. The Thomas is gone to Persia on freight.

His Excellency by his Letter dat: 18 May advises the arrivall of the Benjamin, Tonqueen, & Moco frigtt: at Bombay & sent us yr: Honrs: Genll: Letter to Fort St: George dat: 6 June 1694. adviseing yt: ye: King William was in a readiness to be sent on early ship, whose arrivall we dayly expect & hope she will meet with a timely dispatch & a full ladeing from Bengall or this Place.

We have remaining in Fort St: George Godowns Europe goods unsold; Broadcloth fine 2½ bales Aurora 1 Ba: ½ Broad [. . .] ordd: 194 bales, Cloth rashes 1 bale; Perpetuano's fine 41 bales; [. . .] Lead 670 Candy:

And goods for Europe: Saltpetre [includeing 200 bags on board the Mary] bags 2724. Redwood Candy: 720 [. . .] 540: Madrass bales 122: Fort St: David bales 191: & there is ready at Vizagapatam 150 bales: att Fort St: David is 100 [Candy] pepper & part of their 45,000 Pags: Investmt: We have no paper &ca: but what we buy at dear rates & our stores very low: We conclude this wth: our wishes for the prosperity of all yr: Honrs: affairs and Remain,

Yr: Honrs: most faithfull &
Obedient Servants

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Fort S^{t}: George 31st January 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

To the Hon^{ble}: the Govern^{r} Deputy
and Committees of the R^{t} Honour^{ble}:
English East India Company in London.

May it please your Hon^{rs}:

1. Our last was dated 29th August last copy whereof comes herewith and copies
℔ ship Mary. of our Letters ℔ ship Armenian Merchant dated 6th: 15th & 18th June wth; List of the Pacquet sent by that ship.

2. On the 21st: December wee were advised by the Heer Pitt Govern^{r}: of Negapatam that the King William Cap^{t} Twaik arrived on the 25th: Nov^{r}: o. s. at Gallee and that her men being sickley, th[ey . . . a]fforded them y^{e} necessary refreshment on the 30th: ditto we were advised by Cap^{t}: Blundell of the ship Russell friggats falling upon this Coast on the 22th Ditto a little to the southward of Negapat^{m}: where the Heer Pitt doeth supply them wth; fresh Provisions &c^{a}: and the Commander adviseing that his whole ships Company were sickley, and desireing a supply of Lascars we sent him 20 from hence by a mussula. The Russell Friggat may probably gain this Port before y^{e} middle of ffebruary, but the comeing of the King William seems more uncertain, some ships having been detained in Gallee till march before they could proceed for this Coast.

3. On the 8th Instant we received your Hon^{rs}: Pacquet by the Russell friggat, overland from Negapatam the Generall Letters to Fort S^{t}: George dat: 6th: March 169$\frac{5}{6}$ and 9th April 1695. To Bengall and Fort S^{t}: David dat 6th March 169$\frac{5}{6}$ wth: Papers according to List on the 21st Instant the ffleet frigat brought us your Hon^{rs}: Pacq^{t}; containing Duplicates of what rec^{d}: by Russell frigat and two Generall Letters dated 15th March each, Relating to the late President Yale and S^{r}. John Chardins bill of Exchange. Please to accept the following answer to the severall Paragraphs w^{ch}: require and admitt of a present answer.

Generall Dated 6th: March.

4. And first we returne your Hon^{rs}: our humb^{le}: [. . .] for your Hon^{rs}: [. . .] expressed in the 20 Paragraph [. . .] in confirmeing and advanceing severall of us to the highest stations, wherein wee pray God enable us to discharge y^{e} duty of so great a trust so long as we continue therein. The order and number of the Councill not being fully mentioned in the said Paragraph, but wth: a reference to a Commission copy whereof is not come wth: Russell or Fleet Frigats Pacq^{ts}: and the original is supposed to be upon the King William, wee have by order of Consultation of the 9th Instant resolv'd that there be noe alteration made in the Councill till y^{e} Commission arrive.

5. The 15th Paragraph of your Hon^{rs}: Letter dat: 10th April 1693, directed to the late Generall S^{r}: John Goldsborough &c^{a}: Councill, did Empower and direct him to fill up y^{e} Councill of Fort S^{t}: George to the number of six besides himself and M^{r}: Hatsell. His successor S^{r}: John Gayer being advised your Hon^{rs}: order, and the necessity of filling up [. . .] Councill he directed the doeing of it, but referred y^{e}: person to the President, in persuance whereof there was [. . .] to the Councill M^{r}. John Styleman, M^{r}. Thomas Wright and M^{r} Charles Barwell, and upon M^{r} Dolbens dismiss[ion] and M^{r} Barwells being designed for the west coast M^{r} Edward Tredcroft was added to make up the said number of six, all which hath been advised to and approved by the Generall, and considering y^{e} circumstances of those times, the President humbly hopes w[i]ll be approved allsoe by your Hon^{rs}. The rather because three of [. . .] mentioned in this Letter of the 6th March last Viz^{t}. M^{r} Styleman, M^{r} [Barwell] and M^{r} Wright. But there being no mention of M^{r} Tredcroft, if the Commission shall [. . .] the number and persons of the Councill, Exclusive of all others, we shall either incurr the breach of that order, or M^{r} Tredcroft must cease to be of Councill, thô he was taken in in persuance of former orders and hath not deserved a dismission.

Paragraph 3, 36, 37, 39, 61. Thô there are but a few Arm^{s}. constantly Resident, yet there are ma[n]y that either Voyage Yearly to Bengall, Manilha, Acheen, Persia &c^{a} or are Trading to the Kings Camp, Zulphaker Cawns Camp and Golcondah, and by the Bulke of their trade doe very considerabley contribute to the Revenues. Wee have had no occasion of difference wth: them like that w^{ch}: was observed to your Hon^{rs}: by the Berkley Castle But must blame them for an instance noted in our Consultation the 4th July '95 the purport whereof, is that they complained to us of an affront offered to one of that nation by the Moors Junka[nn]^{rs}: bordering upon our bounds, whereupon we sent orders to Narrain then at the Nabobs Camp for procureing y^{m}: satisfaction, but unknown to us they sent their own Vaqueel and did it in their own names. It is true Narrain was come from thence before our orders reached him, and they did procure satisfactory orders from the Nabob, but that which was observed in it is, that all transactions of that nature wth: the Countrey Gover[nment .] thô relating to particular Inhabitants ought to [. . .] the name of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company: otherwise y^{e} [. . .] by degrees [. . .] into correspondences tending to [. . .] Publick conveniencies. 6.

Some of them have been discoursed concerning your Hon^{rs}: offer of 15 ℔ Cent on the prime cost of Painted Callicoes to be provided wth: their own stocke and Risgoe. Their answer is that the warr between the Moors and Moratta's in these parts will not allow of venturing money into the country for fear of Robbery, but there is probably another reason more prevalent wth: them Viz^{t}. That they will not venture their money for so small profit as 15 ℔ Cent by land, when they expect twice or thrice as much profit by Voyages, wherein it is the common opinion that they out doe the English in buying at least Ten if not Twenty ℔ Cent cheaper especialy in Bengall. 7.

The Armenians are all employed either as Merchants or Seamen, wee had two of them in the service of y^{e} Garrison and Gun Roome, but there happening some difference between one of them and the rest of there nation he quitted that service and betooke himselfe to the sea. Cojee Gregorie the most eminent Inhabitant hath long since promised to write to Zelpha, and invite his poor countrymen, but the issue is uncertaine. 8.

Paragraph 4. The Deodand of 300 Pag^{s} was the value of an Elephant w^{ch}: killed a woman, The Elephant belonging to John de Mark, who wth: his Brother Joseph are accounted the richest Armenians in these parts. They are not settled Inhabitants and are now absent John de Mark is in Bengall whither he went last year to receive 60,000 Rupees w^{ch}: Nabob Zulphaker Cawn owed him for Elephants and Goods and gave him Bills upon his Jaggeer in Bengall, when he comes the money will be demanded of him and for the future all Deodands &c^{a}: usual accruements to Lords of mannors shall be bro^{t}: to your Hon^{rs}: Acco^{t}: as the wrecks have constantly been as will appear under the head of salvage in y^{e} Sea Custome Acco^{ts}: amount to Pag^{s}: 363 : 18 : 4. 9.

Paragraph 5 : 23 : 79. The Madrasse Rupees goe Currant in these parts, and at the Camp equal wth: Surat being coined to the full matt. and weight at Vizagapatam are something lesse, but they pass, and M^{r} Holcombe &c^{a}: write that they doubt not but in time they will be as currant as Surat. In Bengall they pass at 2 ℔ C^{t}: (Batta) when the Bengall secca's Yeild 4 ℔ Cent But this only a private advice, the Agent &c^{a}. not having given a report of their triall at Rajamaul, whither it seems they sent some for that purpose. 10.

There will be a great advantage as well for dispatch as saving of charges, by the finess of the Ingott silver by these ships, and your Hon^{rs}: having directed the silver of the King William to be coined for Bengall, The Fleet Friggat comeing first hither we have taken ashore the 24 Chests of Ingotts, and while she spends a little time here for the necessary refreshment [. . .] sickemen, and till the winds and Currents pro[ve] more favourable, there will be a good part of the [. . .] silver Ingotts coined, and sent by her to Bengall the remainder will follow by the first oppertunity, thô it would be very convenient to send it all by the same ship, yet if the winds doe not detain her long, because of y^{e} Armenians contract for the cloth &c^{a}. 11.

12. Paragraph 6, 7. At present we have not a prospect of the means whereby Tonqueen factory can be withdrawn. It must be done either by one of your Hon[rs]: own ships or a countrey ship hired, or Encouraged by some Contract to make a voyage thither. The latter seems to be y[e] least chargeable and will be endeavoured, thô y[e] ffreighters on the ship Pearle made soe badd a voyage, not gaining ten ℔ Cent in two years and a halfe, that it will be a discouragement. The king hath lately put a stop to the trade of Bawa, which was the most considerable if not the only vent for Europe cloth except what served for the consumption of Tonqueen.

13. The Goods brought from Tonqueen by the Pearle to Acheen, and from thence by the Mary comes by this ship, being a much lesser quantity then was expected. The Pearle having been very Leakey we were afraid of damage, and therefore caused them to be surveyed, Aired and repacked, but the Damage proves little (as noted in the Invoice) w[ch]: doeth commend Cap[t]: Howells carefullness considering the time they lay aboard, and the condition of the ship w[ch]: Cap[t]: Oyler can informe your Hon[rs]: was very badd and the ship sold in Acheen for 135 Tale, beside six guns which brought hither.

14. M[r]. Blackmore staid behind in Tonqueen (for he would not venture his life in the ship) M[r]: Sam[s] Master of the Junke is run madd, and stays there [M[r].] Keeling came thô unwillingly w[th]: the Pearle. He hath brought nothing w[th]: him from Tonqueen those that came from thence are of opinion that [he] left his whole Estate in the hands of a Tonqueen [. . .] The Tonqueen Diary and Consultations and [. . .] Bookes, are to large to copy. But wee send your [. . .] the Extract of the Diary and the Acco[t]: Remains, Last Books, and acco[ts]. of those voyages made [in the] Junke, as the same stands Entred in the Books wherein the balance is carried to Profit and Losse [. . .] Tale 19635. M[r] Farmer doth alledge that it is only so done to keep M[r] Keeling in a good hum[our] comeing away, and it appears to plain that [. . .] ought to answer that losse to your Hon[rs]: and [. . .] easier to determine who ought to pay it, then it can be gott, for Blackmore and Sams have all in the Junke and Keeling hath left all [. . .] him in Tonqueen. The Consultation of y[e] 24[th]: last doeth acquaint your Hon[r]: that the six [. . .] of Books of Tonqueen and M[r] Keelings acco[t]: [. . .] M[r] Stylemans Examination, [i]ndeed it is difficult to deale w[th]: him, because he either is really Crazed or wo[uld] make himself seem to be soe.

15. Paragraph 8. Your Hon[rs]. have noe countrey vessell on this side India, but the Mary Bouyer and 3 Sloops for the service of Bengall and West Coast. whereof one was bought at Bencoolen by M[r] Betts &c[a], for a Cruiser, for w[ch]: we cannot blame them, for all the Letters w[ch]: have come for severall Years from thence doe give unanswerable reasons for the necessity of keeping a Cruiser constantly on the Coast. The Agent &c[a] of Bengall complaine of those they have, and they will not last long. Wee shall endeavour to supply them w[th]: a vessell or two to be built at Pegue, where Building would not cost above halfe so much as at Suratt were there but a person settled to mannage the English private trade and one that understands building.

16. Paragraph 9, 49. Our Letter dated the 15[th] September 1694: sent via Tringombar, and 19[th] January ℔ Princess doe acq[uaint] your Hon[rs]: of M[r] Dolbens dismission from your Hon[. . .] Service, and the produceing of your Hon[rs]: Commission for appointing M[r] Fraser Judge of the Court of Admiralty in his roome. Your Hon[rs]: are pleased to acquaint us a provision made for a succession of the Judge[...] assistants, w[ch]: wee suppose is done by the Commission whereof we have received no copy, neither by y[e] Russell nor ffleet friggats.

17. Para. 10. Wee will not argue but execute your Hon[rs]: order for granting the Conicoplies Duty to the Corporation for y[e] purpose assigned. The Cowle was given to the father upon a bargain for his service in procuring Priviledges for the Company from the King of Golconda and upon his death his son enjoyed it. At the first the income was very small, but encreased w[th]: the trade of the place to a considerable sume, the son has enjoyed but little of it for in

President Gyffords time the profits of y^e^ place was sequestred to the family of the Vincatadries for satisfaction of the Fathers Debt and the Profits Collected by their Officers, till in 1692, the matter was brought into the Court and adjudged there, that it was at your Hon^rs^: disposall from which time the Profits have been paid into the secretary, and has lain in a distinct acco^t^: from your Hon^rs^: Cash after w^ch^: there arose disputes in the Court between the son & Vincatadries family concerning the Profits rec^d^: by them dureing the sequestration which was not determined because the Judge M^r^: Dolben and the assistant M^r^: fraser differed in their opinions and so the cause was dismissed. Inclosed are all the Entries in the Court Booke relating to the Conicoplies Revenues. There hath been allowed to the Town Conicoplie Pag^s^: 20 ℔ quarter for his maintenance by the direction of the late Gen^ll^: who was of opinion (and all the Councill) that if the Cowle was vacated he ought to have some consideration for three reasons First because there is something upon a Contract thô it be old, and may reasonably be reduced to an allowance equivalent to the Revenues of that time when the Cowle was granted. Secondly because the office of Town Conicoply runs thrô all the Cornatta Countrey, that there is not one Towne in all the Countrey without one, and hath been continued by succession from father to son, from y^e^: time of the Jentue Kings thrô the Government of the King of Golconda the Morattas and Mogull, that whoever is Master or Governour of the Countrey makes no altera-[tion] and there is something of the same nature practised in all the Kingdoms of Indostan. The last is that this man perfectly understands all the affairs of Madrasse and if hee should be wholly ruined at once he would grow de[sparate] and apply himselfe for satisfaction to the Nabob and Duan, where he would probably be heard by y^e^: interest of the Heads of the Cast, who by reason of their usefulness to the Duan in the acco^ts^: of the Revenues of the Countrey might be heard so far as to occasion us trouble, which we thinke is better prevented by accommodating the matter w^th^: the Town Conicoplie and giveing him some satisfaction, at least dure-ing his Life, either by some fitting Employment, or by a yearly allowance, w^ch^: will be concerted before your Hon^rs^: orders for assigning that Revenue to the Corporation be published.

Par. 10, 13, 33, 34. The Publishing of your Hon^rs^: kind grant to the 18.
Corporation, is referred to the publishing of the Commission when it arrives. In the mean time some of the Corporation are acquainted w^th^: that of the assurance and Post Office, in order to prepare a method. The latter wee doubt not but may be effected w^th^: satisfaction to y^e^ Merch^ts^: of the place, and advantage to the Corporation thô the first year they may possibly gain nothing.

Wee had before upon your Hon^rs^: orders for Encourageing the Corporation put 19.
into their hands the managem^t^:, of the scavengers duty, under a reference to your Hon^rs^: approbation which thô heretofore it yielded no more then the charges of cleanning the streets, yet now yields two hundred Pag^s^: ℔ añn. profit, but will not admit of any considerable improvement, and we thought it a good foundation towards a stocke for the walling in y^e^: Blacke Towne, when their Debts were once cleared, but that would not effect it in many years, especially if built of that thickness which your Hon^rs^: direct.

The collection of the Scavengers Duty as well as the Quit rents is attended 20.
w^th^: one great inconveniency Viz. The variety of little Household necessaries which are distrained from those who refuse or neglect to pay, but more from those who are not able, of which there is a great number, w^ch^: gives an oppertunity to y^e^: Conicoplies for abuseing the poor people, and gives them great occasion of complaint not only of the abuse but of their being deprived of the only vessell they had to Boyl or Eat rice, and such complaints are too frequent and too Publick in number, especially at times of selling such Distresses by outcry, For which we know no Remedy till the heads of the severall Casts can be induced to answer for the respective casts, or rather that the Blacke Towne were divided into severall wards, and the cheife men of each Ward to answer for the ward. But whenever it is done there must be some abatement and could it be accomplished

w^th^: an abatement equal to the present charges of collecting, and the losses which yearly arrise by reason of poor people uncapable of paying and [. . .] Houses Vacant or deserted it would be y^e^: more eligible because the more easy and satisfactory to y^e^: Inhabitants. But wee dare not promise to effect such a project, because it is soe difficult to introduce a new Custome among these people.

21. Paragraph 11. M^r^ Fraser returns your Hon^rs^: thanks for acquitting him of the Dustore hitherto taken for goods sold out of the Godown, and promises for the future to bring the same into your Hon^rs^: Cash.

22. Paragraph 12, 13. Metchlepatam and Maddapollam ffactories are not any charge but your Hon^rs^: having permitted the use of the ffactories to ffreemen, wee have given M^r^: Noden leave to continue at Metchlepatam, where he Resides, and by Letters to y^e^: Presid^t^: from the Avaldar and others is owned as Cheife, and by them urged to goe w^th^: Drums &c^a^: usual Ensignes of a Chiefe; which keeps up th[e] English Reputation and Priviledge soe far, as that he is able to contend w^th^: the Dutch in severall points relateing to Merchants who formerly served your Hon^rs^: there, at whose request and charge M^r^: Noden stays, and they shelter themselves under him from the [in]juries which other Inhabitants Suffer, and we at present apprehend no inconvenience in his abode there.

23. M^r^: Holecombe &c^a^: have formerly represented the advantages of a small settlement at Ganjam, but we have not yeild[ed] to it, as well because of your Hon^rs^: possitive orders to the Contrary, as the unsettled state of the Countrey w^ch^: do's not admit it at present, and at best the Rajahs of those parts are ill trusted, thô it is certaine there are severall sorts of cloth, Cossas, Mulmulls, Sano's and ordinary Paintings very cheap and good to the northward of Ganjam, but the Gov^r^: of those parts are more accustomed to the Robbing of Merchants, then the methods of encourageing trade.

24. Paragraph 15, 32. In persuance of your Hon^rs^: former orders for dismissing such as prove unfaithfull &c^a^: M^r^: Daniel Dubois, M^r^: Joseph Chapman & M^r^: John Hinchman have been dismissed for unfaithfullness in their trust, and M^r^: James Harris for debaucherry and idleness. M^r^: Thomas Walton falling under the same Character was permitted at his request to goe home. M^r^: Thomas Constable prevented y^e^: Censure by his Death. It appearing by his acco^ts^: after a very large and tedious examination that he had made use of your Hon^rs^: money and falsely and maliciously aspersed M^r^ Hatsell.

25. Paragraph 16. M^r^: Elliot and M^r^: Lewis our minist^rs^: agree very well, both between themselves and in being good and usefull men: M^r^: Lewis returns your Hon^rs^: thanks for the twenty pound given him and for y^e^ payment of fifty pound for his acco^t^: to M^r^: Hawckey, w^ch^: will be made good out of his Salary next payment.

26. Paragraph 17. Wee have formerly acquainted your Hon^rs^: that we were no further concerned in the affairs of Rhetorah, then the sending of M^r^: Braborn w^th^: Souldiers, Stores and Stocke thither as ordered by the late Generall, & that the ffactory is under the immediate direction of the Generall at Bombay, to whom we shall remit copies of your Hon^rs^: Letter to us.

27. Paragraph 21, 42. On the 22^th^: Instant we had the oppertunity of sending by a Countrey ship to Bengall your Hon^rs^: Letter to them received by the Russell frigot w^th^: List of Goods to be provided, and allso gave them the advice of the ffleet frigots arrivall and Cargo, and the Armenians Contract. Wee observe your Hon^rs^: have been pleased to reduce Bengall to their former dependance on ffort S^t^: George. The former Letter by the London frigot giveing us leave to interpose [our] authority when occasion required, we did upon the Complaint of the Agent and Councill against M^r^: Braddyll for coining the natives silver in y^e^ mint under your Hon^rs^: Priviledge and for disrespectfull carriage to the Agent &c^a^: give them some direction as your Hon^rs^: will find at large in y^e^: Consultation of the 23^th^: Septem^br^: whereunto we humbly refer, wee have since received Letters from the Agent &c^a^: but give no Acco^t^: of the result and untill we understand that and whether M^r^: Ellis and M^r^: Braddyll will com to ffort S^t^: George, there will be no determination concerning the Presidents proceeding to Bengall.

Paragraph 24, 25. Your Hon^{rs}: neither forbid nor Limit nor particularly direct the presenting of the officers of the Army or Mogulls Ministers, and therefore it seems to us that your Hon^{rs}: are pleased to trust us in presenting as occasion requires, wherein our reall designe is to be as good husbands as possible. Thô these men will not demand the more Piscashes meerly because the Revenues are increased, yet they find occasion from the means whereby they are increased to give us such trouble as forces us many times to present for preventing further inconveniences. There have been many instances of this nature in 1694. The Nabob granted a Jaggeer to Arsemo Naigue, in w^{ch}: grant was the generall name of a Division w^{ch}: included our new Townes, by virtue whereof Arsemonaigues officers endeavoured to take forceable possession, and thô we kept possession by souldiers, yet found it necessary to apply to the Nabob and other officers for particular orders to prevent quarrelling wth: Arsemonaigues officers, w^{ch}: was the thing they aimed at, to draw us into Bloodshed. In the same year the Junckanneer of the Pullemullee Countrey laid a project for the renting of the Nabob all the Countrey beetle leafe Gardens round about w^{ch}: furnish Madrass, and finding he would effect it, we thought it requisite to take him off by a private Piscash. This year the succeeding Junckanneer did proceed effectually upon the same designe and Engaged to pay Rup^{s}: 4,500 a year to the Nabob &c^{a}: officers that procured the Nabobs Perwanna, and actually stopped the comeing of any Beetle leaves into Town from the Countrey Garden except what was bought of them. Wee endeavoured to baffle them, furnishing the Towne by sea & Privately by Land, and so it continued for a month but thô the Junckanneers lost by their bargaine and began to repent their undertakeing, yet having an apparent advantage against us, that we could not be otherwise supplyed but from those Gardens, they persisted, till finding the disatisfacon of the Inhabitants encrease by the dearness & wa[nt] of beetle leaves, we were forced to comply with [the] Junckanneer and gave him Pag^{s}: 400 to quit the farme, and this lasts no longer then dureing his time, after which we expect to meet wth: many such like impediments, which will occasion [. . .] expence, till length of time in possession see[ms . . .] an unquestionable salabad. Particularly that part of the Revenue which depends [upon] the Countrey Govern^{rs}. favour, such as beetle [Leaf] and what is imported by land. And generally mannagement of such affairs depends much on honesty as well as ability of our black servants by whose Eyes and Ears we hear and see and [. . .] be directed by their report of the Moors and Jentue Customs, quality, inclination, power &c^{a}: of those Countrey Governours & Officers that we have to doe wth: on these occasions and if they were true and faithfull as they ought to be, the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: had never paid the one halfe of what they have in their severall factories. 28.

Par̃. 26. Wee had before your Hon^{rs}. prohibition of sending no Redwood but to prevent dead freight, and then no more then the Charterparty directs provided 690 Candy and shall forbid to provide more till furth^{r}: orders and as oppertunity presents shall provide a stocke of Canes. The Marys Redwood and Saltpetre was stowed before the receipt of your orders. 29.

Paragraph 27, 45 (to) 48, 54 (to) 58, 67 (to) 70. Wee hope the London Frigat will bring your Hon^{rs}: Copies of our Instructions and Letters sent to the West Coast by M^{r}: Charles Barwell, wth: a good Acco^{t}: of his mannagement of those affairs said Instructions come allso in the copy Booke of Letters by this ship wherein your Hon^{rs}: will observe to be inserted severall of the Directions given in y^{e} Paragraphs, particularly as to the Supravisor. The rest must be referred till the next opportunity of sending to y^{e}: West Coast, w^{ch}: cannot be resolved till M^{r} Barwells Returne (dayly expected) or till we hear from thence, for w^{ch}: we made a timely and the best provision we could by sending for the Mary [Buoyer] from Bengall, and sent [here] from hence in October last wth: necessaries to Bencoolen. There being no Countrey ship at that time bound on that Voyage or to be hired. 30.

Paragraph 28. The Pacquets by the Russell and ffleet frigots has brought us no paper from the Accomptant Generall. 31.

32. Paragraph 29. The ministers and Churchwardens finding by computation that they have (communibus annis) made and apprehend they can for the future make nine ℔ Cent of the orphans stocke meerly by Interest, they desire to have it still continued in their hands rather then place it in your Hon^{rs}: Cash [at] six ℔ Cent. and takeing it for granted that your [Hon^{rs}:] doe not order that it shall, but only concede that it may be taken into your Cash for the benefitt of the Poor, wee doe not urge them further therein.

33. Paragraph 30. Fort S^{t}: David and Vizagapatam [doe] supply as much Long cloth and Salampores as [we] required by List in proportion to our stocke, if the Merchants meet wth: no impediments, there being [. . .] signs of a plentifull and cheape year for Gra [. . .] &c^{a}: But at Fort S^{t}: George we shall find it very difficult to carry on any considerable Investm[ent] for our Merchants have spent a whole year in provideing 15000 Pag^{s}: Contracted for in Novemb^{r}: and Decemb^{r}: 1694 and we fear their stocke is [not] sufficient to be entrusted wth any great sume [But they] are at great variance among themselves, about y^{e}: Acco^{ts}: of their Joint stocke Timapa the Chief Merch^{t}: alledgeing that they owe him 10000 Pag^{s}: and they demand allmost as much of him. They have been called upon these two years to finish their Acco^{ts}: and clear their stocke, but they are now no nearer a conclusion then two years ago.

34. Paragraph 36. All endeavours have been used to encourage, support and assist the Fort S^{t}: George Merch^{ts}: in their present constitution, but to no purpose for they cannot serve your Hon^{rs}: as they are. There was three head Merchants Timapa, Allingall and Mooda Verona, the two last are Dead. They have left sons to inherit but not capable of mannageing their shares in the stocke. Yet there doth prevail an opinion among the Jentues, that those sons ought to be continued chief Merchants in their fathers place thô one of them is but 7 years old. For the better assistance of Timapa two able Merch^{ts}: Basvapa a Committee and Japa a Chittee were chosen out of the rest to be next him in the mannagement of business. Wee had made a Contract wth: them in November and December 1694 for 15000 Pag^{s}: deliverable in ffebruary wth: this encourageing condition, that if they complyed in time, they should receive ten ℔ Cent. advance on the price of the precedeing Contract payable as the cloth was Embaled. But they had neither stocke nor Creditt enough to carry on so small an Investment, thô it did not re[quire] above 7000 Pag^{s}: stocke and were forced to lend them the money. notwithstanding which that little business was not finished till December 1695. This is to plaine a demonstration of their present incapacity whereof there are three main reasons. They want first a stocke, 2^{d} an able head or heads. 3 They doe not agree among themselves, neither with respect to their acco^{ts}: nor the manner of mannageing their Joint stocke businesse and till there is some remedy found out for these defects they will not be able to make Investments, much lesse to take of or vend any considerable quantity of Europe goods, w^{ch}: they have hitherto refused to meddle wth:

35. Paragraph 36, 38, 39, 41. And till this is done, it is in vain to thinke of any considerable improvement[in] Madrasse in Paintings or weaving. For unlesse the Merchants have a hand in the bargain & mannage and allso some share in the profit, they will under hand baffle all endeavours by the influence they have upon the casts. Wee have tryed our ffort S^{t}: George weavours for the makeing of fine cloths but can come to no tollerable terms. Wee agreed for fine and course Neckcloths and that which they deliver comes by this ship of which the greater part is below muster, and some of it very ill made. M^{r}: Fraser hath taken some pains wth: the Painters, there is but 40 pieces of ℔8 Coved long deliver'd to be painted to severall musters. There is not a compleat bale finished. and therefore none sent. There will be further endeavours according to your Hon^{rs}: directions for the encouragement of Paintings and weavings both here and at Cuddalore by the assistance of Armenian Merchants, thô we doe not promise any great performance in a year or two. Cuddalore is the fittest place for that purpose and they have made some progresse in weaving (as by this ships Invoice) and a begining in Painting.

Paragraph 44. Wee formerly presumed to give your Hon^rs^. our opinions 36.
concerning ffort S^t^. David, that by reason of many natural advantages it was capable of being made equal or superiour to Fort S^t^: George, as your Hon^r^: shall thinke fitt. The late Generall directed and M^r^: Hatsell &c^a^. have prosecuted the Repairs of the Fort, the main part of the worke is done and it might have been all finished if they could have gott bricks and Chinam enough. But they failed for want of wood to burn them, to supply w^ch^: defect for y^e^: future there is a considerable number of trees planted in proper places within their bounds fitt for fireing when the repair of the ffort is finished, it is supposed that it will be strong & defensible. The Town of Cuddalore is defended partly by Rivers and partly by a Brickwall w^ch^: covers y^e^: West [. . .] but to make it the more perfect it is ordered to be carried on a little further to a River running along the north side of the Towne and from the said River a Ditch to be cutt without the Brickwall to anoth^r^: River which runs on the south side of the Town The Dutch of Tegnapatam pay their customes duely and quietly, and we have heard of no disputes they have raised lately except a few Letters and Protests w^ch^: passed relating to a Black Merchant, which was summoned into the English Choultrey to answ^r^: the demands of his Creditors, whome the Dutch would have exempted from the Jurisdiction of the English Justice by virtue of the Ancient Priviledges of the Dutch Servants. But we suppose your Hon^s^: will by this ship receive from M^r^. Hatsell &c^a^: a most particular acco^t^: of that place. As to the provision of Coffryes wee know not how to gett them except from Bencoolen. The Portugueze of Goa & S^t^: Tho[ma]sell none to Hereticks. Wee directed M^r^: Barwell to send or bring hither such as he found stubborn and ungovernable there, and a few young Lads to be taught here som handicrafts that may be usefull there, and if their number increase at Benccolen, it will be convenient to lessen.

Paragraph 50, 51, 60. Experience has proved your assertion to be true, 37.
that the imposition of 5 ℔ cent Custome on grain doth not hinder it's importance. The Importers finding here two advantages, each of which doe countervaile more then the 5 ℔ C^t^ which they cannot expect in any place on y^e^ [Coast] under other govern^rs^ : Viz^t^ : that their Grain is [their own] nobody robbs them of it, or demands more of them then the known Custome. That they can allwais turn their grain into ready money at a Markett price & be gone so that Som boats make two or three trips in a year. There being allwais Merchants upon the place y^t^ will buy, thô we should not buy for your Hon^rs^: Acco^t^: As indeed we have bought none yet for sale because we could not doe it without borrowing money at Interest, and Paddy has allwais been for two years past very dear, being supplyed wholly by sea, and God be thanked it has been generally cheaper here then at any other part of the sea Coast between Vizagapatam and Tringombar. Besides we have no Granaries capable of holding any considerable quantity and the new Towns have supplyed us w^th^: enough for our own expences, and to send now and then a few Garse into the Banksall for Sale, to bring down the price, when the Chittees &c^a^: raise it unreasonabley, which we esteem a better method then to settle a market price, thô we are forced somtimes to doe soe, for which reason it is necessary that your Hon^rs^ doe buy a sufficient store to govern the markett, which we shall not faile to deo at the cheapest time, if wee have either money or Creditt. But whenever we meddle w^th^: Grain, we must limit [ourselves] to Paddy and Rice. Grain being very uncertain in the Marketts and subject to decay, as those that bought it the last year found by experience, to their great Loss Wee hope your Hon^rs^. will not thinke that we consult or reserve a private advantage to ourselves by the grain Trade, for none of us have dealt much in it, and y^t^ the President doth particularly for himself deliver, that he never was concerned directly nor indirectly one Pagoda in the buying of any sort of Grain Imported.

Paragraph 52, 53. Wee shall allow no permissive Goods to goe home 38.
on yo^r^: Hon^rs^: ships till further Orders.

Paragraph 54, 73, 74. Of the ffactors sent out by this shipping M^r^. 39.
W^m^: Blunt M^r^: James Bewley and M^r^: Dunstan Gardiner and Richard Salway

write[rs] are arrived by the Russell frigot and Fleet frigot and M^r^: Sparks M^r^: Vinsent and M^r^: Oneal free Merch^ts^.

40. Paragraph 63. The late President Yale hath not desired our order for his passage on the Mary, nor have we heard of his makeing any preparations for goeing this year, whenever he desires it, we shall very readily comply w^th^: your Hon^rs^: order for permitting his passage on any of your Hon^rs^: shipps.

41. Paragraph 64, 65, 76, 77. Wee humbly thanke your Hon^rs^: for the particular advices and cautions about the ffrench ffleet and their designes. The Dutch had advice before of some design for India, and gave us notice and the King William &c^a^. ffleet heard at Tennerief of six sail passing by that Island bound for India, and wee have a report of ffive arrived in November last at Goa, but it wants confirmation. The Dutch have twelve sail at Surat ordered thither in expectation of the ffrench and six sail at Malacca and six in Bengall. Wee hear allso of another ffleet of 12 ships prepared at Batavia, and suppose the Dutch will follow them wherever they goe. Wee shall make the best provision we can for our Defence. M^r^. Hatsell being here at the receipt of your Hon^rs^: Lres carrys copies thereof w^th^. him to ffort S^t^. David for their direction. Wee have received ffive souldiers by the ffleet frigot. The Commander says he bro^t^: out Eight and three are Dead in the Passage wee received noe List.

42. Paragraph 66, 70, 85. Wee shall follow your Hon^rs^. orders concerning the disposall of the King William, ffleet frigot and Russell frigot, as y^e^: time of their arrivall and circumstances will admit.

43. Paragraph 71, 80. There was received into your Hon^rs^: Cash and Bills drawn for the following sums viz.

Payable to S^r^: Thom^s^: Fowles for acco^t^: of La: Johnson Esq^r^: dat. 15 May 1693 P: 574: 0 Fa.

To the Widow of Rob^t^: Chiswell dat: 6 June 93 ... ... 546: 21:

And M^r^ Thomas Wright hath paid into your Hon^rs^: Cash Pag^s^: 170: 3: fa. 4 ca the amount of y^e^: Estate of John Skinner deceased as ℔ his acco^t^: herewith sent, for w^ch^: we have drawn Bills upon your Hon^rs^: dated 20^th^: Jan^ry^: 1695/6 payable to his Widow.

44. Paragraph 72. M^r^: Stanhop Mills dyed the last year at ffort S^t^: David. Herew^th^: are returned Duplicates of Nathaniel Higginsons Indentures and security lost by the Berkley Castle.

45. Paragraph 82. When we receive the Say's Sarges &c^a^: wee shall endeavour to dispose of them and give your Hon^rs^: an acco^t^: of the Sorts and quantity vendible, as to Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes, we pray your Hon^rs^: to be referred to the inclosed acco^t^: of what received and sold since September 1692 & what now remains, by which may be computed how much may annually vend of each sort in these parts, while the warrs between the Morattas and Moors stopp the inland trade, so that there is nothing sells but what serves for the use of y^e^: Moors Army, wee could never perswade the Armenians or other Merchants to buy, thô offered at much lower price then we sold for and made a triall of selling two or three times by outcry. The last year a few Bales were sent to Vizagapatam and because they would not sell, ordered from thence to Bengall. The ffort S^t^: David Merchants tooke of Pag^s^ 15000 on their last Contract of 45000 Pag^s^: but M^r^ Hatsell advices they have not disposed of one halfe in a years time so that they will hardly be perswaded to take much more on the next Contract. Wee have made the utmost tryall for induceing the Metchlepatam and Pettipollee Merchants to Contract for Broadcloth nothing will perswade them to it but settling of a Factory as formerly. Wee sent 30 bales to Acheen by the Mary and she brought 27 backe unsold. The West Coast will expend but a very few in a year a countrey ship has carried a few to Pegu for a triall another countrey ship went in May last to make a triall of trade at Cochin China, carryed a few pieces for an experiment, but that place cannot take of much unlesse it be by their trade to Japan & China, nor can wee project or thinke of any method or means by which so great a

quantity as we shall receive by these ships can be vended on this side of India in two or three years, unlesse it can be done in Bengall. But we fear the great quantity w^{ch}: the Merchants there tooke of, for w^{ch}: they were to make the last halfe payment in November 1696 wth: the ffleet frigots Cargo now goeing down, will be enough to furnish Bengall. Wee have here no way of selling it at present but for the use of Zulphaker Cawns Camp, which has not had above Eight thousand Horse for above a year past and at this time is lesse then five thousand at present there passes nothing from hence to the Camp but a little Grain, the merchants being frightened wth: [rupt^{rs}] of the Morattas fforces, w^{ch}: robb all they meet. Upon the whole we begg your Hon^{rs}: leave to declare it our opinion that if your Hon^{rs}: continue to send such great quantities, it will lye dead in y^{e}: Godown, Remaines will yearly increase. But if your Hon^{rs}: shall see cause to send more wee thinke it is not convenient to send any Crimson, but rather Aurora and a few Bales of yellow Broad cloth ordinary 10 (or) 20 Bales of fine Scarlett, more cloth Rashes & lesse Broad cloth ordinary, but no Perpetuanoes fine or course, wee have as many as will sell here in three years.

Paragraph 83. If any Interlopers comes with[in] our reach, wee shall doe our utmost endeavours to Defeat and disappoint their voyage as your Hon^{rs}: direct, being very sencible of the extream injury the trade of India suffers by those ships. 46.

Paragraph 85. The ship Mary is Dispatched according to the Instructions received from y^{e}: Private Committee. The copy of the order to the Command[er] comes inclosed directed to the Hon^{ble}: Gov^{r}: &c^{a}. 47.

Herewith your Hon^{rs}: will receive in the Booke of Letters sent, the Coppyes of the severall orders & Instructions given to M^{r}: Walsh, Cap^{t}: Oyles &c^{a}: by ship Mary to Acheen in June last. There appeareing a necessity for sending the Mary thither for the Pearls Tonqueen Cargo (w^{ch}: was apprehended to be more considerable then it proved) we made use of that oppertunity for breaking a knott of Englishmen, who under M^{r}: Deltons shelter and Direction, lived and traded there in despight of your Hon^{rs}: authority in India, and sailed [up] and down without Passes. They mett wth: severall vessels belonging to English there, to which they found cause to give Passes, and to accept the Masters Bonds for Repairing to Fort S^{t}: George or other ffortifications, and payed Pass money and Tonnage for w^{ch} M^{r} Walsh has accounted. Among other shipps they found y^{e}: ffortune, formerly the Elizabeth, w^{ch}: we were advised from the Generall at Bombay and y^{e}: Presid^{t}: of Surat, had against orders and without a Passe proceeded from Surat on a Voyage to Acheen & Queda, and the master Charles Mawhood not produceing a Pass Cap^{t}: Oyles brought her hither where the said ship in the Court of Admiralty is condemned as forfeited according to the Kings Charters. The lateness of the season and Reports of ffrench ships arrived at Goa, would not permit the said ship to proceed now for Bombay, where it would be convenient that she be sent that she may be producible there if the present circumstances at Surat should require her restitution, upon the complaints or pretences of M^{r}: Vaux, that Moors are concerned in y^{e} ship, whereof there is no proofe or appearance, Cap^{t}: Mawhood having mentioned no other names as Owners but M^{r}: Vaux and Cap^{t}: Barber. They could not perswade M^{r} Delton to come hither nor induce the Government to compell him. But the Government has admitted and declared M^{r}: William Soams Chief of all the English affairs and we must wait for another oppertunity to gett him away till when that place will be but a Harb^{r}: as it hath been for many years, for such men as upon occasion may turn Pirats. The acco^{t}: of the whole transaction comes in the Copy of the Acheen Diary, and the severall papers relating to shipp Elizabeth entred the List N^{o}: 16 to 27. 48.

In the Acheen Diary there are some Entries of matters of difference between M^{r}: Walsh and Cap^{t}: Oyles, the greatest part whereof seems to proceed from a misunderstanding occasioned by some being aboard and some ashoare, rather then any reall ground and we must doe Cap^{t}: Oyles, the Justice as to own to Y^{r}: Hon^{rs}: that not only in that voyage, but upon all occasions he hath approved himselfe not only faithfull, but very ready and Diligent in your Hon^{rs}: service, 49.

particularly at Fort S^{t}: David where the Moors were troublesome and his shipp Company gave considerable assistance ashoare.

50. On the 30th: Instant ship Sarah M^{r}: Gough Sup^{r}: Cargo arrived here from Bengall and brought us a Gen^{ll}: Letter acquainting us that they had delivered M^{r}: Gough a Pacquet for your Hon^{rs}: wherein we doubt not but they have given your Hon^{rs}: an acco^{t}: as wee by that Pacquet as by the Martha of all affairs [in] Bengall, and particularly the difference[s] which have happened between the Agent &c^{a}: and M^{r}: Roger Braddyll. By this ship we understand the probability of our Letters reaching Bengall before the Marthas departure w^{ch}: orders her to touch here for sailing orders and both we and the Commander of y^{e}: Mary are willing that the Martha, Mary & Sarah should goe together if possible and is the reason of our permitting the Mary to tarry so long, as not to loose her passage about the Cape.

February 5th, 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

51. Yesterday ship King William, Cap^{t}: James Thwaites Commander arrived here contrary to our expectations and brought us your Hon^{rs}: Pacquets w^{ch}: contains no other Generall Letters then those by the Russell ffrigat but brought us two Commissions, one appointing the Generall and Lieutenant Generall of India and Councill of Fort S^{t}: George, upon the reading whereof there arose among us some questions and resolves relateing to the station of M^{r}: Styleman and M^{r}: ffraser and relating to M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft's continuance in the Councill as by our Consultation dated 4 ffebruary, coppy whereof comes inclosed, wee have this day sent a copy of said Commission to Fort S^{t}. David, and shall all[so] send a copy thereof to the Generall.

52. When the Russell frigots and King Williams Cargo's are received wee shall have Bales 747 of Europe cloth in our Godowns, wee have no present prospect of selling any considerable quantity untill either a greater Moors Army comes into those parts, or a Peace be concluded between them and the Morattas to open the free passage of the Inland trade. So greate a quantity lyeing upon our hands will necessitate us to consider of all possible meanes for finding out a vend in other part[s] and if we can prevail with private Merchants to make trialls upon their own Acco^{ts}: wee should rather choose that method because your Hon^{rs}: have not given us particular order for venturing by countrey vessells upon yo^{r}: Acco^{ts}. But rather then lett the cloth lye long & spoil in the Godowns, as wee designe your Hon^{rs}: interest so we hope your Hon^{r}: will please to approve of our adventuring small quantities of cloth by our countrey ships to any part where we can expe[ct] a Markett.

53. Our intentions are to coin into Rupees as much of the silver by the three ships as consigned by the ffleet frigot for Bengall; and to goe on with coining or selling the rest as occasion require[s] for paying off our Debts and carrying on this years Investments in the Coast and Bay.

54. The actions Entred in the Court of Admiralty against M^{r}: Jeremiah Peachy for Rupees 8202—3 as: is not finished by reason of his perversnesse in avoid[ing] to answer fairly, which gives the Court the trouble of sending Interrogatories to Bengall, and indeed there are other things of great consequence for w^{ch}: M^{r}: Peachy seems to be responsible viz^{t}: all the bill[s] [given] Maulda Debtors, both before and since the time of his being Chiefe, whereof he hath delivered none, but pretends that some were lost in the Bengall warrs and the rest left by him at Chutanuttee w^{ch}: the Agent &c^{a}: refused to receive, concerning which wee wrote to Bengall in August last, M^{r}: Peachy sent orders to his Attorney for delivering all to the Agent, but wee have not yet received their answer.

55. M^{r}: William Bowridge was sent from hence in July last to Bengall. Our result concerning the matter alledged against him, is particularly Entred in our Consultations dated 27th June & 1st July whereto wee humbly referr.

56. Wee hope to receive from your Hon^{rs}: some directions concerning M^{r}: Hamon Gibbons late chief of Indrapora upon the papers sent by ship Samuel. By the Armenian Merchant wee sent your Hon^{rs}: the generall Books of Indrapora, as

drawn out by Mr: Butterfeild from very imperfect accots: and loose papers and Memorandams, and our Generall Letter by that ship doeth crave your Honrs: directions for further proceedings. Wee cannot understand that he hath any other Estate then what lyes in the Balance of his acct: Cash Expended for the maintainance of Indrapora factory amount to Ryalls 23132. Upon his request for a supply to pay his Debts and prevent his Imprisonment we have supplyed him wth: about two thousand Pags: upon acct: at sundry times But shall not pay no more till we hear further from your Honrs.

In persuance of your Honrs: orders in the Generall Letter dated the 15th March 1694, relating to President Yale, wee herewith send a copy of all entries in the Court Records relating to President Yale out of which there is allso taken an Abstract of the Judgements and acct: of the sumes attached and paid into Court, either as security or payment of the Judgements all which are attested by the Register. The first doeth not contain all that ought to be entred for there are two Bills and answers wanting which cannot be found & there is an action entred [*lacuna in the original*] wch: only expresses the sume but not the nature of the action there being no proceedings, which defect cannot now be supplyed by reason of the absence of Judge Dolben and the sicknesse of the Attorney Generall Mr Mead, Allso our answer to the Petition presented in his name to the King in Councill, wth: some papers wch: our answer referrs to, as ℔ List of the Pacquet. 57.

It is now the 6th Day of February and Presidt: Yale hath not made known to us his desire or designe of takeing his Passage home either upon the Mary or Sarah. Wee sent a paper (the copy whereof comes inclosed) to Mr: Gough Supra Cargo of ship Sarah, dated the 30th January, wherein we offer him the Copy of the sailing orders received by the Russell ffrigatt this years returning ships but he hath not yet returned us any answer to that or to our demand concerning the Commission of Diamonds, which is humbly referred to your Honrs: pleasure. 58.

Your Honrs: having noted our omission of giveing due advice in the Generall Letters of Bills drawn on your Honrs: for money recd: into your Cash of Fort St George Please to receive the following acct: of all the Bills which have been drawn on your Honrs: at 9s: ℔ Pagoda not only by this but by former ships since October 1692 Vizt. 59.

Pags: 1800. Recd: of Edward Tredcroft Bill drawn dated ye 18th: October 1692 payable to [*lacuna in original*] Jeffryes for acct: of the Administrs: of Henry White Deceased.

Pags: 574. Recd: of Nathl: Tredcroft Bill drawn dated 15th May 1693 payable to Sr: Thomas Fowles.

Pags: 185. 31fa: recd: of Thomas Wright Bill drawn dated 29th May 1693, payable to ye Admrs: of James Wattson Decd.

Pags: 546: 21. Recd: of Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Bill drawn dated ye 6th June 1693 payable to ye widdow of Robt: Chiswell Decd.

Pags: 1202: 19: 4 Recd: of John Dolben Esqr: Bill drawn dated 10th May 1694 payable to John Davis.

Pags: 284: 17. Recd: of Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Bill drawn dated 11th June 1695 payable to Susanna Spencer.

Pags: 170: 3: 4. Recd: of Thomas Wright Bill drawn dat: the 20th January 169⅝ payable to ye widdow Skinner.

Pags: 2500 Recd: of Daniel Chardin on Bills drawn on him by Sr: John Chardin for wch: 4 Letters of advice given dated 31st Janry: 169⅝.

Pags: 797: 28: recd: of William Morrice Bills drawn dated the 31st January 169⅝ payable to Mary Pillson.

On the 23th October Ketch Josia arrived here from Bombay wth: orders from the Generall for Lading upon her so much Salt Petre as she could conveniently take in and the 25 barrells Cocheneal received by the Martha from Bengall (we having formerly advised his Excellency it would not sell her[e] and on the 26th ditto she was dispatched for Bombay Laden wth: 300 baggs Salt petre and the 25 Barrells of Cocheneal, the contents of wch: your Honr: will find [entered] after our Consultation 29th August, and this is al[l the] Cocheneal that came by the 60.

Successe and Martha, a [. . .] two barrells which the Agent &c^{a}: kept in Bengall [for] triall, but wee have received no acco^{t}: of its Sale.

61. Wee send your Hon^{rs}: herewith Invoice and bill of Lading of Ship Mary amount to Pag^{s}: 51780 : 18 : 4 what remains to be further advised your Hon^{rs}: [. . .] shall be added in another Letter Wee are,

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: most obe[dient] & hum^{ble}: Servants.

NATHANIEL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

List of the Pacquett to the R. H. Company by shipp Mary.

No.

1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Letter dated 31st Jan^{ry}: & 5th ffeb^{ry}: 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
2. Copy of Ditto dated 29th August ℔ Danes Conveyance.
3. Copy of Ditto ℔ shipp Armenian Merchant dat. 6 June 1695.
4. Copy of Ditto by D^{o}: ship. dated 18th June 1695.
5. Copy of the Presidents Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: 15th June 95.
6. Copy of the Lists of Ditto Pacquets.
7. Abstract of the Tonqueen Diary & Consultation.
8. Acco^{t}: Remains of the Tonqueen Books.
9. Acco^{t}: of the Voyages made in y^{e} Junk by Blackmore &c^{a}.
10. Copy of all Entries in y^{e} Court books relating to the Town Conicop^{lys}. Reven^{s}.
11. The Paymast^{rs}: Acco^{t}: of y^{e} Estate of John Skinner Deceased.
12. Duplicate of y^{e} Counterpart of Presid^{t}: Higginsons Indent^{rs}.
13. Duplicate of Dittos &c^{a}: Security Bond.
14. Acco^{t}: Europe Cloth Rec^{d}: & Sold since Sep^{tr}: 1692 & what Remaining.
15. Copy of y^{e} Private sailing orders given y^{e} Comm^{r}: of ship Mary. Papers relating to ship Elizabeth from 16 to N^{o}. 27.
16. Copy of Cap^{t}. Mawhoods Protest dated 5th Sept^{r}: 1695.
17. Copy of Dittos Letter to Cap^{t}: Oyles dated 4th Nov^{r}. 95.
18. Copy of D^{os}: rec^{d}: for 1834 slabs Tin rec^{d}: on board ship Fortune.
19. Copy of D^{os}: rec^{d}: for 186 slabs Tin rec^{d}: on board ditto ship &c.
20. Copy of an Acco^{t}: of sev^{ll}: things belonging to Jacob Barber sign'd Cha: Mawhood.
21. Copy of Duda Ragas Rec^{t}.
22. Copy of Mamentulas order and request for the delivery of 253 Eliphants Teeth &c^{a}.
23. Copy of Cap^{t}: Mawhoods Letter to Cap^{t}: Oyles dat. 18th: Nov^{r}. 1695.
24. Copy of a Paper deliver'd Cap^{t}: Oyles, said to be a copy of ship Elizabeth's Condemnation.
25. Copy of Cap^{t}: Oyles his Diary relating to y^{e} transactions at Acheen.
26. Copy of the Proceedings [of the Court] of Admiralty against ship Elizabeth.
27. Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: of [. . .] Elizabeth.
28. Copy of a Consu[ltation] 4th February 95/6 relating to the Commission.
29. Copy of Entries [. . .] Registers relating to M^{r}: Yale from 1 to 68.
30. Abstract of Judgem^{ts}: of [. . .] and acc^{t}: money attached & pa^{d}.
31. Acc^{t}: money paid into y^{e}: H. Comp^{vs}: cash by M^{r}: Yale [. . .] of Books M M [Yale's] Petition to the King [. . .]
32. Answer to President (Yale's) Petition to the King [. . .].
33. List of Judge and [. . .] the 22nd March [. . .].
34. Copy of the Court [. . .].
35. Secretarys attestation [. . .] for his proceeding [. . .].
36. M^{r}: Frasers paper relating [. . .].
37. Copy of the President [. . .].
38. Invoice of shipp of Martha [. . .].
39. Bill of Lading of Do.

No.
40. List of [. . .].
41. Captain Oyles [. . .].
42. Dittos rec^{t}. for Pagodas [rec^{d} at ffort: St. George . . .].
43. Captain Newnam [for Pag^{s}: 294–4–3, . . .].
44. Captain Hatton's 2^{d}. [pt for 1000 Dollars . . .].
45. Captain Minty's 2^{d}. [pt for 200 Dollars . . .].
46. Second Bill of Lading [. . .].
47. Muster Roll of [. . .].
48. List of Souldiers [. . .].
(49 to 54 Lost)
55. Counterpart [. . .] Vandenanchors Indent^{re}: attested.
56. Armenian L [. . .] Callendar.
57. Fort S^{t}. David [. . .] the R^{t}. H: Company.
58. Acc^{t}. Stores [. .] Fort S^{t}. George.
59. Acc^{t}. of the damage of Broad Cloth by ship Mary from Acheen.

No. 1, 38 & 39 were made up in a Pacq^{t}. by themselves.

List of Books.

No.
1. Copy of [Diary & Consultation begun] the prim^{o}. [. . .] ending ult^{o}. January 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
2. Copy of [Consulta]tions and Diary begun the prim^{o}. [January] 169$\frac{4}{5}$ Ending ult^{o}. Decemb^{r}. 1695.
3. Copy of Do [be]gun January 94/5 Ending Dec^{r}. 1695.
4. Copy of D^{o}. [. . .] for D^{o}. time.
5. Fort St. George [. . .] Journal Letters N N commencing y^{e}: prim^{o}: [. . .] Ending ult^{o}. April 1695.
6. Ditto [. . .] for D^{o}. time.
7. [. . .].
8. Fort S^{t}. David [. . . D]iaries Commencing primo January [. . .] Ending ult^{o}. Dec^{r}. 1695.
9. Diary & Consultation [. . .] Walsh &c^{as} transactions at Acheen.
10. Vizagapatam J[ournal . . .] Letter M Commencing primo May 94 Ending ult^{o}. April 1695.
11. Ditto Ledger [. . .] M for ditto time.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 10TH FEBRU^{RY}: 169[4]
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TO THE HON^{BLE}: THE GOVERN^{R}: DEPUTY AND COMMITTEES OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN LONDON.

May it please your Hon^{rs}.

On the 7th Instant the Russell frigot, Cap^{t}: William Blundell arrived. Last night the ffleet frigot sailed for Bengall. Inclosed is the copy of our Letter to the Agent &c^{a}: whereby your Hon^{rs}: will perceive wee have taken ashore 22000 £ in Silver Ingott and [. . .] sent them Pag^{s}: 27000 in Dollars and Rupees. The rest will follow by the next ship wth: as large a supply as we can spare. ψ the Mary. 1.

On the 13th September last the Presid^{t}: of Surat wth: all the English found in the factory and Surat (except Boucher and one more) were confined close Prisoners and put in irons, which was occasioned by severall Moors ships of Surat being robbed of a great treasure in their returne from Moco and Judda, one whereof belonged to y^{e} King and the Robbery charged upon the English Comp^{a}: The particulars appear in the Letter received from the Generall copyed in the Book N^{o}. 309 and the Inclosed cop^{y}: of the President &c^{a}. Surat their Letter to him and [. . .] of a particular L^{r}e from Presid^{t}: Annesley [. . .] October last. 2.

There is a report given out by Moors Merch^{ts}: that all matters are accommodated and y^{e} English at Liberty, but it wants confirmation, thô y^{e} method propounded by the Generall for the future security of the Moco Fleet seems the most probable means of accommodation, Wee can give no acc^{t}: of your Hon^{rs}: ships at Surat their Lading or Returning.

4. Inclosed is the copy of a letter rec^{d}: the 4th: Inst from Anjengo Dated the primo January. The arrivall of five ffrench ships at Goa is also advised by Gov^{r}: Pitt from Negapatam and that 13 Dutch ships are on that Coast, order'd to attend their motions. The said Letter allso mentions the great necessity of a supply at their request and the Generalls order on the 3^{d} January wee sent them by a Countrey ship the Experiment, Thomas Brennocke Master, the stores and workmen they wrote for wth: Pag^{s}: 4997 : 23 : 2 (borrowed at Interest for that purpose) in Gold, silver and Pag^{s}: (no chequeens being procurable) and have made further provision for their future supply by y^{e} following method. M^{r}: Braborn &c^{a}: represented to us y^{t}: they have made a Contract wth: the Queen Attinga for all the [. . .pepper] which her countrey produced but they had not a stocke to buy it, for which reason the Queen permitted the Danes to buy, and therefore they propounded it to be for your Hon^{rs}: servise that Private ships might be sent from hence to buy of the Pepper, which being propounded to the Merchants of this place they readilly subscribed a stocke of six thousand, and sent four thousand pag^{s}: by the Eagle in October, and two thousand by y^{e}: Experiment in January, to lade each 150 Candy of Pepper for Persia, and at their returne to bring the proceed [. . .] Chequeens, deliverable to M^{r} Braborn &c^{a}: who are Lade the same quantity of pepper if procureable for this place, and to draw Bills upon Fort S^{t}. [George] for the overplus of the stocke, if your Hon^{rs}: ser[vice] requires it, and the ffreighters are under these terms, that they are obliged to pay freight out [. . .] home, Pepper or no Pepper, but M^{r} Braborn &c^{a}. [was] under no obligation to furnish Pepper if it cannot [be] spared from your Hon^{rs}. occasions. Wee trouble your Hon^{rs}. wth. the more particular acco^{t}: because the [ship] Four Brothers in the year 1693 was sent from hence upon a like occasion and it gave [. . .] Gentlemen of Callicut offence, but we humbly hope for your Hon^{rs}: approveall.

The Danes last year Laded at Retorah 5 [. . .] Candy of Pepper, and they have this year sent ship designing to increase the quantity. Re [. . .] Braborn &c^{a}: their repre[senting] to us the [Da . . .] proceedings, wee [. . . .] to the Gov^{r}: &c Tringombar asserting your Hon^{rs}: right to the trade of that place exclusive of others, to which they have returned an answer both which are entred in our Copy Books of Letters N^{o}: 27 sent and N^{o}: 78 Received and copys thereof are remitted to the Generall.

5. Our last letter received from Vizagapatam 2^{d}: Inst. (wth: 183 bales sent on a countrey ship) adviseth that the Seer Lasscarr hath taken the Capital Citty of Sumberdues, the Raja that hinder'd the rest, and was the last that held out against the Seer Lascar, so that probably the countrey will be settled under one Government and the trade goe on Currantly. They desire money may be sent them for makeing another Investment, w^{ch}: we shall supply them wth: so soon as our silver can be converted into money. They have about 70 Bales remaining in the factory.

6. Wee had on the 31st January offered M^{r}. Gough and the Commander (in the writing sent wth: y^{e} other Pacquet) a copy of those sailing orders received now for the returning ships, instead of giveing an answer M^{r}. Gough went soon after on board ship, where he hath continued ever since, and we suppose do's not intend to come ashoare. On the 7th: Instant Cap^{t}: Rawdon comeing to take his leave of the Governour being order'd of [. . . .] Gou[. . . .] Govern^{r}: inquired of him who [. . . .] and he declaring he had not received any, the Gov^{r}: desired him to putt M^{r} Gough in mind of the offer made him, and on the 8th Instant M^{r}: Astley sent y^{e}: Govern^{r}: a Letter dated 3 ffebruary, copy whereof comes inclosed, wherein he tells us when he has seen them and they correspond wth: his orders and he judges it fitting, he will order

the Commander to observe them. That Evening Mr: Coventrey came wth: a message concerning said orders from aboard ship, but the Govr: considering Mr: Goughs answer to a kind offer did not thinke fitt to send them to Mr: Gough for fear he should upon rect: of the orders open them and therefore sent word to the ship by Mr: Coventrey that if the Commander or (in case of his sicknesse) Chief Mate would come and receive them they should be delivered. This day the Chief Mate comeing ashoar the same was delivered to him sealed, directed to Commandr: of the ship undr: the orders whereof copy is inclosed.

As to the Commission of the Diamonds it is wholly referred to your Honrs: 7. and we only observe, that whereas we did acquaint Mr: Gough that all things Laden here on his ship, should be Laden by the warehousekeepers order, we refer to the warehousekeepers accot: what he gave order for, and that [. . .] of Diamonds, be carryed aboard privately, that wee may not know what they were, probably for fear of the Commission but our reason was the common order should be observed, wch: would in case of Accident justifie Mr: Gough as to the quantity Laden.

Our Consultations of June 1695 contain ye: Cop[y] of the papers which 8. passed between Mr: Gough &ca [. . .] and we need not give any further answer to Mr: Goughs complaints of impediments, but only [. . .] that Mr: Frasers objections to one of ye: Consultations considered wth: his carriage in the whole passage gives us grounds to thinke that his inclination [. . .] to appear Mr: Gough's particular freind gave incouragement and increase to Mr: Gough's disgust against the rest.

His Protest against us for the Gunner is utterly false in the maine point 9. Vizt: that we did not [secure] him and that he is in our service. Mr: Astley must own that on his request the Govr: gave him an order in October for searching the [Co . . .] sloop and another vessell in the Road, He found the Gunner and another and brought them as[hoar] and they were confined, wee offered him that they might be entred in the Gunroom service, till the ships arrivall, and we promised the sam[. . .] or others if they made their Escape He would not agree then, but afterwards did of himselfe take ye: Gunners word and dismissed him from his confinement, & he was put into the Gun Room Crew, and from thence a little betore the Sarah arrived run away and none of us ever heard any thing of him since, more then what Mr: Astley tells that he was gone to Covelone and ffort St: David, wch: we know nothing of.

Mr: Gough's men were not as we hear detained from him in Bengall, but 10. most of them left the ship at once, for what reason we cannot tell, but ye: seamen say, because Mr: Gough refused notwithstanding the Extraordinary length of the voyage to allow them one months pay to furnish themselves wth: necessaries and in Madrasse the Governr: has furnished the ship wth: 300 Pags: on Capt: Rawdon and Mr: Astleys Bills to buy the Seamen necessaries.

As to the three months Imprest to the Gunner, repaid by Mr: Astley, wee 11. answer that the man came hither in the service of the Mary Buoyer shipped in Bengall for the West Coast unknown to us, & thô we could not gett another man upon the shoar fitt to supply his place, yet we rather suffer'd the Buoyer to goe ill manned then to give occasion of complaint to Mr: Gough. But we thought it reasonable that either the man or those that loose him should repay the Imprest money.

Herewith comes a Booke of examinations taken of severall witnesses against 12. the Measurers of Paddy and the severall controversies that have arisen from it between Mr: Fraser and the Governour and ye: rest of the Councill, wherein are Entred severall paprs: deliver'd us by Mr: Fraser, representing us under such Characters as are more fitting for foresworn Villains then a President and Councill, wth: dark insinuations that he is under a necessity of forbearing to make further discoveries of great villanies till a fitt oppertunity, and hath refused to declare them to us when required, at first, beçause wee did not seé cause to give him a blanck Cowl of indempnity to some persons who pretended to make ℔[po]salls to your Honrs: great advantage and doeth still refuse to discover under

pretence of our endeavrs: to baffle the Comps: evidence: so far as we have observed Mr: Frasers carriage in these Passages wee cannot but thinke he hath at least to much favoured a faction that endeavoured for many months to possess the people wth: a notion than the Governour was to be turned out and Mr: Fraser to be Governour in his stead.

13. An army of about 20000 Morrattas is come into these parts from Pannarra, whereof 7 (or) 8000 are come to Chingee, Zulphaker Cawn has not above four or five thousand Horse. Reports for above a month speake of another army sent to his assistance from the Mogull, and that they are sett out. If they come and join wth: Zulphaker Cawn, they will be able to defeat the Morattas, if not, Zulphaker Cawn must either join wth: the Morattas or submitt to their terms, and these parts will all be reduced to the obedience of the Morattas.

14. Capt: Oyles carryed about 40 slaves to Acheen upon the ship Mary, for his own and shipps Compys: Accot: for sale. The ffreight whereof at Pags: 5 ℔ head as accustomary amots: to Pags: 200. He alledgeth to us that they are not Passengers but merchandize and doeth not amount to so much as the ships priviledge by Charterparty and desireing us to referr the matter to your Honrs: Wee have not known the like instance & therefore could not tell how to determine it, and must own ourselves very unwilling to doe wrong to Capt: Oyles who hath so readilly upon all occasions served your Honrs: here, wee have therefore left it to your Honrs: pleasure wch: the Captain promises to acquies in.

15. It is now the 11th: February. Wee had hopes of the Martha's calling here that the Mary & Sarah might accompany her, but wee are not willing to [. . .] the ship so as to endanger the gaining of her Passage about the Cape, and therefore shall tomorrow Dispatch her. To which wee wish a good Voyage and prosperity to all your Honrs: affairs being.

Yor: Honrs: most Obedient
and faithfull servants.

Mr ffraser would not sign this Letter.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

List of the Pacquet by the Mary.

No.
1. Generall Letter to the Rt: H. C. dated 10th Febry: 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
2. Copy of Fort St: George Generall to Bengall dated 7 Do.
3. Copy of the Presidt; &ca; at Surats Letter to the Generall.
4. Copy of a Clause of Presidt: Annesley's Letter dat 23 Octobr: 95.
5. Copy of Anjengo Generall to Madrasse dat ℔mo: Jany: 9$\frac{5}{6}$.
6. Warehousekeeprs: accot: what Laden on ship Sarah by his order.
7. Mr: Goughs paper dat. 3d ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
8. Copy of the Private sailing orders.
9. Copy of the Examinations of ye: Paddy &ca: Grain Measurers.
10. Copy of a Paper sent Capt: Rawdon wth: the Rt: H. Compas: Instructions for their returning ships sealed.
11. Capt: Rawdons rect: for a Pacquet directed to the R.H.C.

List of the Pacquet to the R.H.C. ℔ ship Sarah.

No.
1. Duplicate of Fort St: George Genll: Lre dat 31 Janry: & 6th Febry: 9$\frac{5}{6}$.
2. Copy of ship Marys Invoice.
3. Second Bill of Lading of Do: ship.
4. Abstract of the Judgements of the Court of Admiralty and Accot: moneys belonging to Mr: Yale attached & paid.
5. Accot: money paid into the Rt: Hon: Comps: Cash by Mr: Yale taken out of books M.M.
6. Answer to President Yales petition to the King.

No.

7. List of Judges and Assistants in the Court of Admir^{ty}: from the 22 March 9$\frac{5}{6}$ to the 22nd August 1694.
8. Copy of the Court Register relating to M^{r}: Coventry.
9. Secretaries attestation relating to an order deliv^{d}: M^{r}: Yale for goeing for England Ψ ship Sampson.
10. M^{r} Frasers papers relating to M^{r}: Yales pretended fears of being poisoned.

To Captain Thomas Oyles
Commander of ship Mary.

Your ship being full Laden whereof you have given notice by the fireing of a Gun. Upon receipt hereof you are to repair aboard and wth: the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh Anchor and sett saile and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of London att your arrivall deliver (or send as usuall) our Pacquett herewith delivered you as directed unto the Hon^{ble}: Governour and Committees for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Company in London unto whom you goe consigned Dureing the whole voyage keep your ship in a posture of defence and avoid speaking wth: any ship at sea being time of warr. As to the course you are to steer we refer you to the sailing orders herewith deliv^{d}: you sealed wth: the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: seal and signed by the Lieutenant Generall and second of this Councill, which you are not to open till you have been twenty days at sea, and then in the presence of and attested by your Officers, which attestation lett them keep for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: peruseall at their arrivall. Wee wish you a good voyage and Date these in ffort S^{t}. George this 11th day of ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

Nath^{l}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.

To Cap^{r}: Marmaduke Rawdon
Commander of ship Sarah.

Wee send you by your Chief Mate Philip Day a paper sealed with the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: seal directed to your selfe, which containe the Copy of the Instructions for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: ships returning this year from India, and we require you upon receipt thereof to keep the same in your own Custody and not trust it in the hands of any man whatsoever till you have been twenty days at sea, when and not before you are to cause the same to be opened in the presence of and attested by your officers, which attestation they are to keep and produce when required in England. You are entrusted wth: this secret under these conditions, wee wish you a good voyage and Date these in ffort S^{t}. George this 10th day of February 1696.

Nath^{l}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Thomas Wright.

The Indorsement on the backside of y^{e}: abovementioned sealed paper.

To Cap^{t}: Marmaduke Rawdon Commander of ship Sarah Rideing at Anchor in Madrasse Road.

Copy of Instructions for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Companys ships returning this year from India To be opened after twenty days at sea.

Wee the subscribers the Lieutenant Generall of India and Second of Councill of ffort S^{t}: George do attest that [the] above is a true copy of the original private Instructions received by ship King William directing the sailing orders of the R. H. Companys ships returning from India this year. Dated in ffort S^{t}. George this 10th ffebr^{y}. 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

Nat: Higginson.
John Styleman.

To the Kings most Excellent Majestie in Councill
The humble Petition of Elihu Yale late President
& Governour The East India Company at Fort S^{t}: George.

Most humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner in the year 1690 & 1691 having by reason of many false and malicious accusations that were contrived and sent home against him by some of the Councill there, severall times requested y^{e}: East India Company to send over some other person that might (after his twenty one years actuall service on that place) succeed your Petition^{r}: and ease him of a troublesome Employment, and might likewise examine into such pretended accusations and doe your Petitioner justice touching y^{e}: same. The said Company (instead of complying wth: such your Petitioners reasonable request) did Commissionate their Commissary S^{r}: John Goldsborough Kn^{t}: and their now President Nathaniel Higginson Esq^{r}: and others to appoint your Petition^{rs}: accusers to be his Judges, and to disable your Pet^{r}: from makeing a just defence the said Commissary, President and other ꝑsons appointed Judges as aforesaid by combinc̃on and contrivance amongst themselves did first by close Imprisonment and barbarous usage [terrify] your Pet^{rs}: assistance and Merchants, affreighte[n'd away] his servants from him and procured Blacks & [Infidells] to swear to such their pretended and false accusations against your Pet^{r}: they being not able to prevail wth: any English or other Christian (save only M^{r}: Fraser one of the said appointed Judges and your Pet^{rs}: profest Enemy) to swear any thing against your Pet^{r}: and not only so but by the aforesaid combination they denyed your Pet^{r}: having Councill or any attorney fitt to mannage his businesse, and refused him the common priviledge of being tried by a Jury, and at your Pet^{rs}: pretended trial they seemed little to regard, but rather to baffle the Evidence of severall reputable English and other Christian wittnesses produced by your Pet^{r}: for his vindication.

That notwithstanding your Petitioner gave sufficient Bail and security to answer all the pretended charges against him. Yet did the said Commissary new President and their accomplices seiz on and sell your Petitioners ships Goods and Estate (from time to time as they could reach the same) to the value of thirty thousand Pound or thereabouts, being allmost five times as much as they had given judgement for against your [Petitioner in] their own arbitrary Court and illegall way of proceeding.

That your Pet^{r}: being intollerably oppressed [. . .] as aforesaid did make severall formal Protests aga[inst] such their illegall prac[tices and] proceedings and did appeal therefrom to [the : . .] of England, and [. . .] order thereunto your Pet^{r}: by severall addresses did represent his case to the said Commissary and Councill thereby desireing the liberty of a free born subject and to Imbark himselfe and his Estate for England And at the same time offering to give substantiall and sufficient security to answer whatever dammage the said Company should Lawfully prove they had sustained by him. But contrary to your said Pet^{rs}: reasonable request and contrary to all manner of Justice to your Petitioner (by the contrivance aforesaid and by new ways found out to keep your Pet^{r}: to a slavish confinement) Has been imprison'd in a Fort ever since November 1692, without hopes of liberty or relief, and wth: designe (as your Pet^{r}: believes, not only to stifle your Pet^{rs}: just compl^{t}: of their unchristian-like usage towards him, but to inforce him into despair, or otherwise to bring on him some distemper that may hasten his death, which not long since by poison was near effected.

That upon application made by your Petitioners friends to some of the leading members of the East India Company, they have promised that your Pet^{r}: should be released and set at liberty, on w^{ch}: promise your Pet^{r}: cannot rely, since he hath great reason to suspect they will revoke the same by some private order which is well known to have been often practised by them.

[. . .] therefore please your most gracious Majestie to send your commands to the said East India Companys Commissary, President or other

Officer commanding in chief at Fort S^{t}: George in East Indies as aforesaid to permit and aid your Petitioner (on receipt of your Majesties most gracious order) to com home to this your Realm of England by the first ship that your Petitioner shall thinke fitt to adventure himselfe in, and that he may bring wth: him wittnesses and the Estate and effects he is now posses't of, and that what Estate hast been forcibly taken from him by the Agents of the said Company as aforesaid, may be restored to him againe upon giveing security to make satisfaction to the said Company for what they shall recover.

And your Pet^{r}: as in duty bound will ever pray.

The President and Council of Fort S^{t}: George [. . .] their remarks on severall allegations in a paper intituled [the humble Petition of Elihu Yale.]

Wee belive it to be true that upon Letters sent by the late President Yale and the then Councill of Fort S^{t}: George to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company by way of complaint against one another. The Hon^{ble}: Company did order S^{r}: John Goldsborough Commissary Generall (who arrived here in November 1692) to inquire into the matter of complaint, and gave him power to hear & determine all such complaints himselfe by way of Arbitration, or to refer them to the Court the choice being left to M^{r} Yale, and he refuseing the offered arbitration, the Commissary referred all to the Court.

The Judge of the Court was John Dolben Esq^{r} who came out wth: the Commissary and brought with him a Commission from the R^{t}: Hon. Company appointing Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and nominating severall persons, out of which number two to be chosen by the Commissary, President and Councill for assistants to the Judge of the Court, of which number there was none remaining alive but M^{r}: William Fraser and M^{r}: James Wheeler then resid^{t}: in Fort S^{t} George and M^{r}: William Hatsell then Deputy Governour of Fort S^{t}: David. The Commissary and Councill did upon M^{r}: Yales alledgeing that M^{r}: Fraser and M^{r}: Wheeler had prejudice against him, send for M^{r}: Hatsell from the Government of Fort S^{t}: David on purpose to be an assistant in the Court wth: M^{r}: Wheeler, and upon his Death wth: M^{r}: Fraser, so that the Court did allwais when any of M^{r}: Yales cases were heard consist of a Judge and one assistant who had neither been his accusers, nor alledged by him to be prejud[iced] persons, and thô M^{r}: Fraser did join wth: the rest of the Councill of Fort S^{t}: George in writeing the aforementioned Letters of Complaint to the R^{t}: Hon. Company against M^{r}: Yale. Yet he never [was] subpœned nor appeared as Evidence in the Court, and therefore M^{r}: Yale's allegation that his accusers were his Judges is groundlesse and false, as will appear by the attestation of the Register taken out of the Court Book's of the persons who were Judge and assistants for the whole time, compared wth: the time of y^{e}: Judgem^{t}: passed.

The Commissary at his arrivall in Novemb^{r}: 1692 being informed of many injuries and wrongs done by M^{r}: Yale to the R^{t}: Hon. Company and to y^{e}: Inhabitants and natives, and that Colla Vencatadry employed by him against the consent of the Councill as Chief Dubash. Rangia Chittee one of the Companys Merch^{ts}: both in Fort S^{t}: George and Conimere, Verona appointed by him Chief Peon, and Nella Vincatadry a Conicoplie employed by him in the businesse of y^{e}: Private joint stocke of Madrasse English Merchants, had been the principal instruments in the said injuries: and that the said Dubash & Conicoplie were by common fame notorious ill men, he found reason wth: the advice of the Councill to cause those four persons to be secured to prevent their Escape till all matters of complaint were examined. And this is the Barbarous usage whereby he sais the Commissary &c^{a}: did terrifie his assistants, Merchants & servants.

The allegation of a combination and contrivance to procure Blacks and Infidells to swear against him, renders the accused if guilty liable to severe Censure, but the proofe lies upon the accuser.

The matters alledged against M^{r}: Yale in Court chiefly relating to private transactions between him and Blacke Merchants, there could be no other wittnesses but such as were present, and M^{r}: Yale had cunning enough not to suffer any English or Christians to be privy.

Wee doe not know nor believe that he was denyed having such Councill or Attorny as he desired (except one Mr: John Coventrey who had been dismissed from being attorney when Mr: Yale was President and Sr: John Biggs Judge of the Court for misdemeanours as appears by a copy of the Court Register, possibly he thinkes those he used were not fitt, because wee have no professed Councillors at Law or Attorneys in Madrasse, nor doe we need them in cases relateing to the custom of Merchants where every man has liberty to plead his own case, and therefore Mr: Yale could not want the ablest Councill and Attorney Viz. himselfe.

His cases were tried in that manner that the kings Charter does direct.

This is of the same nature wth: the fourth.

Mr. Richard Trenchfeild and Mr: John Evance gave Bail in 30000 Pags: each, but they had not a quarter part of the amount in a vissible Estate, which is supposed to be the reason why the Court attached the ships or goods of Mr: Yale to the amount of Pags: 1033: 8 and the Judgemt: given in against him doe in the whole amount to Pas: 8416 : as ℔ the Registers accot:

Mr: Yales person was never imprisoned one minute, nor was ever denyed liberty of goeing home. The first ship that returned from this place to England after the Commissaries arrivall in November 1692, was the Berkley Castle in June 1693. It doeth not appear that Mr: Yale did demand of the Commissary his passage upon her, if he did it is alltogether unknown to the President. The next ships were the Samuel and Sampson in February and March 169$\frac{3}{4}$: Mr: Yales brother Thomas desired liberty of takeing his passage and proceeded on the Samuel. Mr: Yale demanded his passage on the Sampson and it was without opposition ag[reed] in Consultation that he should have liberty and the President accordingly sent him by the Secretary an order directed to Capt: John Bromwell Commandr: of ship Sampson for that purpose, which was de[lvd] to Mr: Yale, all which appears as well by the Entry in the Fort St: George Consultation of that time as by the Secretaries attestation and Mr: Yale hath never demanded a passage on any other ship that hath since that sailed for England, and therefore his assertion that he hath been imprisoned in a Fort ever since 1692 without hope of liberty is utterly and apparently false.

And consequently the reflection is not only groundlesse, but basely scandalous, when hee affirms he hath been imprisoned wth: a designe to stifle his complaints, to inforce him into despair and to bring on him some distemper that may hasten his death, which was not long since near effected by poison.

Which reflection is heightned by an instance he gives of his death being not long since near effected by poison. The meaning of all which must be, if it hath any, that he is afraid the President and Councill of Fort St. George will make away wth: him by poison or otherwise. They that know him will doubtlesse conclude wth: us, either that ye: bold reflection is no more then the accustomary strains of wicked Policy, or a Salvo for his own Credit against the common reports of the unusual Deaths of severall of the Councill of Fort St: George when he was President, concerning wch: we don't accuse him being compelled by the rules of Xtian charity to suspend a Censure, the most material Evidence being Dead, but if they had been liveing to declare themselves, what others have since [. . .] Death declared as from them, some of Mr: Yale['s] aforementioned Instruments must have been prosecuted, & he would have been put hard to it to clear his own reputation.

The basenesse of the Reflection about poison will further appear if it be considered that he would have it understood that he has been in danger of his life by poison since November 1692 dureing his imprisonment, as he calls it, But there never was a report that ever wee heard, of any thing that could give him the least Collour for such a suggestion since the year 1691, when there was a story told all about the Towne of a Rogue that tempted Mrs: Nick's slave wench to poison her Mistress, and because Mrs: Nick's then lived wth: Mr: Yale at his Garden house (where she and Mrs: Pavia a Jew wth: their Children have & doe frequent to the scandal of Christianity among heathens) therefore he takes occasion to suppose the designe was against himselfe and to insinuate that the

now President & Councill of Fort S^{t}: George had a hand in it. The President was not then of Councill, nor any that are now of Councill except M^{r}: Fraser, who being best acquainted wth: what passed upon that occasion, hath given an acco^{t}: thereof in writeing.

There are now two ships in the Road bound for England the Mary Cap^{t}: Thomas Oyles and the Sarah Cap^{t}: Marmad[uke] Rawdon, M^{r}: Yale hath not yet made known to us his desire of takeing his passage [upon] either of those two ships. But whenever he doeth it [shall] be complyed wth: according to the orders given by our R^{t}: Hon: Masters. Dated in ffort S^{t}: George this 6th: ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 31ST JANUARY 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THE GOVERN^{R}: DEP^{TY} & COMMITTEES
OF THE R^{T}: HONOURABLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

May it please your Hon^{rs}:

This serves only to advise your Hon^{rs}: that M^{r}: Daniel Chardin hath this day paid into your Hon^{rs}: Cash here the sume of two thousand five hundred Pag^{s}: being the sume mentioned in the first Bill of Exchange drawn by Chardin in London the 16th March 169$\frac{4}{5}$: on y^{e} said Daniel Chardin which Bill we received by the ffleet frigot. Wee have according to the direction of the said Bill of Exchange signed to four Letters of advice of this Date and Tenour and delivered the same to M^{r}: Daniel Chardin. Wee are,

Your Hon^{rs}: most humble and
obedient servants.
NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, 30 SEPT. 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: GOV^{R}: & DEP^{TY}: &
COMMITTEES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

℔ ship King William.

May it please your Hon^{rs}: 1.

Our last addresses to your Hon^{rs}: were dat^{d}: 31st: January & 10th: ffebruary last by shipp Mary Coppy whereof comes herewith w^{ch}: being in answere to the Pacquets last received from your Hon^{rs}: by Russell ffrigat &c^{a}: fleet, wee will not make needlesse Repetitions. But shall add the necessary.

Neither Armenians nor other Merchants can bee prevailed with to Contract 2.
for the provission of Painted Calicoes and other fine Goods (not made in these parts) upon their outstocke and Risgoe at 15 or 20 ℔ cent advance on the prime Cost, nor can it bee expected till the Warrs between y^{e}: Mogull and Morattas are finished, and the land Passage rendred more free and safe, Till when there cannot bee an inland Vend of Europe Goods proportionable to the quantity yearly received, nor can wee procure any quantity of overland Pepper, nor sticklacke, nor make considerable Investments of Calicoes in such parts as are the seat of Warr, Robb'd and plundered, both by Moore [and] Moratta Armeys in turnes.

Herewith your Hon^{rs}: will receive [an] acco^{t}: of Coinage of silver received 3.
by shipps King William &c^{a}: with an acco^{t}: Current of all silver since 1692 and the produce of sale and Coinage whereby the Proffit & Losse upon the Invoyce price appears [wee presume] your Hon^{rs}: cannot expect much gaine upon
the Invoyce price of [5 & 6] ℔ oz Ster$\tilde{r}$: But if it had been Invoyced as formerly
Dos. Ss.

y^e^ Proffitt would have been considerable. As to the silver Coinage wee pray your Hon^rs^: to bee referred to the Notes entred at the end of the Mint Acco^t^.

It was our Intention and endeavour to send a shipp this year to Tonqueen to withdraw the ffactory.

But wee could not possibly procure a shipp upon any termes whatsoever, fitt for that Voyage, partly by the Losse of 11 shipps driven ashoar from this Road and broke by a suddain and unexpected storme in Aprill last, and partly by reason of five shipps belonging to this Port looseing their Passage in returne from Bengall, Pegue and Quedda. There being no other oppertunity of writeing to Tonqueen wee wrote them by way of China dat^d^: the 30 May 1696.—entred in Coppy Booke of Letters sent N°. 57: w^ch^: gives them the most proper directions, as wee thought, to prevent their scattering and to unite them in one opinion of withdrawing hither and were calculated upon a supposition that they might bee in y^t^ condition w^ch^: they appear to bee in by their Letter of 21 Dec^r^: 1695 received since by way of Batavia and entred in y^e^ Coppy Booke of Letters [Rece^d^] N°. 147 Viz^t^: that they want money for their factory Charges, and wee fear that before a shipp can arrive there, they will owe more then all the stocke they have will pay, unlesse they can gett in their old Debts w^ch^: it seemes by their Letter they endeavour, and perhappes their Credditors will find themselves obliged to assist in procureing Paym^t^: that they may gett their own money. The sending of a shipp to withdraw y^e^: ffactory will be chargeable addition to former Losses, for wee cannot expect to lessen y^e^: Charge [. . .] by ffreight. Thô Marchants of this place ffreighted [on the] Pearle in 1693 and the Generall Bookes of Tonqueen [. . .] for Tale 915: ma. 9: ca. 9: for her ffreight, but y^e^ adventu^rs^ after the Risgoe of two Years & a halfe did not gaine 10 ℔ Cent w^ch^: will discourage them from adventureing [. . .] againe, however wee thinke a shipp ought to be [. . .]at as Cheap a Rate as wee can, to withdraw y^e^ ffac[tory]. But a shipp cannot goe till Aprill next, in y^e^ meantime wee shall advise y^e^: Gene^ll^: & receive his Directions.

Inclosed is a Coppy of M^r^: Keelings Acco^ts^: as stated from the Generall Bookes of Tonqueen, wherein the Losse [. . .] the Junke Voyages Ta: 12736: 4 is placed to his Deb^t^: M^r^: Keeling haveing been thereupon Examined gives no answere, but as noted in our Consultation of 4^th^: June 1696 doth affirme to us y^t^: he brought neither money nor Papers nor Acco^ts^: with him, but hath left them all in the hands of such persons in Tonqueen as will not deliver them to his order unlesse hee goe in Person to demand them, & supposeing hee may pretend so to compell us to send him backe to Tonqueen, Wee caused an action to bee entred against him in the Court of Admiralty, and for want of Baile hee was Committed to Prison where hee hath ever since Remained.

Wee advised your Hon^rs^: of a sloop bought at the West Coast for a Cruizer. But it seemes afterward she proved defective and unfitt for their service and therefore wee returned to their Owners. So that now they have none, and wee neither have nor can gett one this year fitt to send them, the Brigantine Gingerlee being Lost (whereof wee shall give a perticular acco^t^: in a following Parr) but they must bee supplyed with [. . .] at least, so soon as it can be procured. In the meantime a Countrey shipp gone thither on a Tradeing Voyage and to Returne in January will bee in some [meas]ure serviceable to them, being under orders from [y^e^:] Owners for that purpose.

The London ffrigat & Am[i]ty were dispatched Laden from y^e^: West Coast in October & Novem^r^: last and hope have brought your Hon^rs^: M^r^: Barwells &c^a^. Generall Letter from thence dat^d^: 29^th^: Octob^r^: 95 and their Diary to y^t^: time, w^ch^: wee doubt not will give your Hon^rs^: a satisfactory acco^t^: of [. . .] Successe in uniteing Raja Addil & Raja Maccota with the young Sultan Guillimott reduceing them & y^e^: Manderenes and Proarteens to such Termes by Contract and Oath, w^ch^: if observed, doe effectually secure to your Hon^rs^: all y^e^: Pepper from [P]riamong (if not from Mandutta) to Sillabar. Wee send herewith Coppy of said Generall Letter & Diary continued to y^e^: time of M^r^: Barwells departure who on 2^d^: April 96, arrived here on y^e^: Mary Bowyer, and brought us their

Generall Letter dat^{d} : 10th : Febru^{ry} : 9^{ber} entred in our Coppy Booke of Letters received N^{o} : 84, In June last wee sent the ffleet friggat thither with a stocke of 30,000 Dollers, Cattle, Hoggs, Garden seeds, ffruit Trees and the stores necessary amo^{t} : to Pag^{s} : 22346 : 30 : 1 : and 20 Souldiers, Europeans & Topazes, with our Generall Letter dat^{d} : 1st : June last entred in our Coppy Booke of Letters sent N^{o} : 61 : Whereunto and the other aforementioned letters and Diary wee humbly pray your Hon^{rs} : to bee referred for a full acco^{t} : of that settlem^{t} : and onely note a few perticulers in the 4 following Paragraphs.

Being satisfied with the reasons given by M^{r} Barwell &c^{a} : in their Generall 8
Letter to your Hon^{rs} : wee have al [ready] ordered the advance of the Topas pay to 3 Dollers ℔ mensem by w^{ch} : means they are encouraged to goe from [. . . .] the more freely and the increase of their Number [. . .] the number of the Buggesses whose pay is [. .] 2 Dollers ℔ mensem more.

Wee have ordered them to allow Raja Moody and other Rajas halfe a 9
Doller ℔ B[a]har they engageing [. .] cause a considerable quantity to bee delivered [. .] that Long Cloth bee sold at 65 Dollers ℔ Corge for [. . .] and 60 Dollers for Pepper. This is supposed to be a [proper] method for encreasing the quantity of Pepper, and esteem it your Hon^{rs} : Interest rather to give 2300 Dollers for two hundred Bahar then 1100 Dollers for One hundred Bahar.

When M^{r} : Darley went in Aprill 1695 hee was entertained to serve your 10
Hon^{rs} : at Yorke ffort, it was with condition that he should be second wee readily allowed it him, because he was esteemed fitt, being an experienced diligent man and good accomptant and wee then not knowing of another person being appointed by your Hon^{rs} : But your Generall Letter directs M^{r} : Blunt to be second and being assured M^{r} : Darley would not continue in the service if hee were degraded, M^{r} : Blunt being acquainted with y^{e} : Circumstances of the Case very willingly offered to accept of being Third of Yorke ffort wee haveing limited y^{e} succession in the Governm^{t} : to M^{r} : Blunt in case of Mortality under a reference to your Hon^{rs} : further Orders.

M^{r} : Betts who was sent thither in 1694 to bring up and state y^{e} : Acco^{ts} : of 11
Yorke ffort under promisse of a Gratuity if hee performed it (whereof hee had received the halfe in part) upon his being put by the Cheifshipp flung up y^{e} buissinesse in a sullen humour and quitted the service. M^{r}. Butterfeild undertooke it, and because hee could not finish them there, brought them all hither [. . .] Ballanced them here (the finishing and Coppying [whe]reof detained the shipp some time) being thre [. .] of [P]riamong Bookes and two p^{r}. of Yorke ffort [. . .] consideration whereof wee have allowed him [. . .] Gratuity promissed to M^{r} : Betts and 10 Bahar of [. . .] ffreight free upon y^{e} : Mary Bowyer, and haveing pro[mi]ssed M^{r} : Barwell at his goeing some incourageing Allowance or Priviledge, Wee have allowed him the Ladeing of 80 Bahar Pepper on some of your Hon^{rs} : shipps from Yorke ffort, either to Bengall or this place, when it is no injury or hindrance to your Hon^{rs} : buissinesse as ℔ the 34 Parr. of our Letter to Yorke ffort dat^{d} : 1st : June 1696 All w^{ch} : wee humbly hope your Hon^{rs} : will approve.

Our Generall Bookes ending in Aprill last bring an acco^{t} : of the Damaged 12
Cloth ℔ shipps King William Pag^{s} : 939 : 28 : 4 and Russell Frigat Pag^{s} : 289 : 3 : 1 : w^{ch} : damaged cloth was delivered to the Command^{rs} : and the damages Charged to the acco^{t} : of their respective Owners according to the Invoyce price by our Consultation of 13th : April last thô wee had resolved by Consultation of 5 March that the same should be charged with 50 ℔ Cent advance. But considering the Charterparty doth not plainly direct the stateing of Damaged Goods outwards, wee chose rather to leave the adjustm^{t} : thereof to your Hon^{rs} : praying a perticular direction for stateing y^{e} : like damages for the future. The money advanced to the Commanders of these shipps and the Mary by Charterparty is carryed immediately to acco^{t} : Currant London :, but the money advanced to the ffleet friggat to acco^{t} : of the Owners togather with Goods damaged and short delivered am^{ts} : to Pag^{s} : 757–33 : whereof a Coppy comes inclosed with a Coppy of the acco^{t} : of Damaged Goods by shipp Mary from Acheen am^{t} : to Pag^{s} : 61 : 22 : 3.

13. Our Letter of the 31st : January last gives some accot : of [. . .] ffort St : George Marchts : wanteing stocke and able [. . .] quarrelling among themselves about their [. . .] uncapable of makeing any considerable Invesmt : [. .] Europe Goods. The Marchts : since drew up their [. . .] Bera Timapa for Pags : 9061–24–2 : wch : hee answered and delivered an accot : whereby he makes them Indebted to him as much. The Coppys of both [wch] comes inclosed. This occasioned our resolution in [. . . Con]sultation, not to make any further Contracts wi[th . . .] Company of Marchants till their old Joint stock accot : [. .] was adjusted, And because it was supposed that dureing Bera Timapas continuing to possesse the Character [. . .] Post of a Chiefe Marchant other Marchants would bee discouraged from Contracting it was by Consultation 18th : Aprill Resolved necessary to take from him the state of Cheife Merchant and the oversight of the Pagodas upon wch : on the 21st : Ditto hee went away privately in the night to St : Thoma and from thence to the Pollegars, where hee still continues. Narraine the Cheif Dubash his father in Law denyed his being privey. But it seeming incredible, that Timapa should carry his daughter with him without Narraines knowledge, hee was secured for a time and since enlarged upon security : and Ramapa ye : Bramine ordered to officiate in his stead.

14. Dureing the Contract between Timapa and ye : Marchts : about their accots : Checca Serrapa comeing hither to make up some old accots : with Marchants of this place, severall of the old Joint Stocke Marchts : and others fell in with him and made proposalls for Contracting for 20000 Pags : Calico with whome wee have Contracted as by Consultation of 14 & 21 May, they takeing off 4000 Pags : Europe Goods & agreeing to deliver 17000 Pags : Callicoes in this month [. . .] the rest in January. But they have not complyed [wi]th the time For they have brought in no more then what comes by this shipp amt : to Pags : 4227–14. They [Al]ledge that they have mett with impediments by the [Moratt]as plundering or assaulting those parts where [their Cloth is] made, and by the Contrary winds wch : have hindred the passage of their Boats both from ye : southward whence they provide the Course [. . .] from the Northward from whence they provide all the fine Goods and to avoid the Danger of land Carriage, [bring] them by sea. That these parts about Conjaveron & Chingalput &ca :, where the Longcloth and Sallampores used to bee provided afford no good Cloth and but little, they have provided those sorts at Worior Pollam (beyond ffort St. David) and vallued themselves upon the extraordinary goodnesse of the Cloth. Wee know in part their allegations are true, and your Honrs : will but judge of the goodnesse of the Cloth by the sale for wch : purpose it comes Invoiced under a distinct head.

15. But wee have not by this Contract confirmed Serrapa [the] Chiefe Marchant of ffort St : George, nor resolved with whome to make the next Contract reserving to ourselves ye liberty of accepting of such proposalls as shall be judged best.

16. Wee thought it necessary to lay in a store of provissions to serve for the Garrisons use in case of any assault from the ffrench or Moores Vizt.,

	lb.
Hoggs 100 salted and packed pz	5,927
Cows 40	7,419

Large Seer fish 660 made 22 Jarrs.

Rice 40 Garce (besides 40 Garse divided among famillys for store).

Paddy 40 Garse besides 40 Garse received from the new townes. There hath been no occasion for buying more Paddy this year, partly because the Northern Merchants generally chose rather to stay themselves or leave their [. . .] to sell it out by Retaill as the Consumption de[mand] and partly, because the price hath been to [. . .] to [give] any considerable Proffit. Wee have therefore bought no more then a Convenient store.

17. In the Coppy Booke of Letters Received No. [12 . . .] Governr : Pitt and No, [*lacuna in the original*] from the Generall give [. . .] of the arrivall of five French shipps at Goa in Dec[ember . . .] Last their proceeding for Surat

and returning for Goa from thence to Surat from whence they departed in Aprill. There is alsoe an acco[t] of the fight between [. . .] and Seaven Dutch shipps off Wingalore Rockes of all w[ch]: w[ee] doubt not but your Hon[rs]: will receive a more perticular acco[t]: by the America from Bombay. On the [*lacuna in the original*] May the sixth ffrench shipp w[ch]: had parted from the fleet in the[ir . .] comeing out, arrived at Goa from the Coast of Mezambigue, and in June departed. This was the biggest shipp (a Dutch prize of 70 Gunns) and carry the greatest part of the Goods and Treasure, and Chief men of the Expedition, for w[ch]: reason it is supposed y[e] ffleet coasted it soe often between Goa and Surat and staid [in] expectation of her arrivall, till the season of the year made it necessary to quit that Coast. This shipp find[ing] orders in Goa, it is concluded y[t]: she is gone after the [rest] but whither is uncertaine; some guesse for Europe or Mohetia [. . .] for Tenasseree and Bengall. But their designes are manag[ed] with such secrecy that wee cannot gain any true intelligence.

Wee find no reason for alltering what wee wrote [. . .] in the 45 Parr. of our Letter by the Mary dat[d]: 31 [January] last relateing to the Vend of Europe Goods nor for adding thereunto more then the inclosed acco[t]: of the Cloth now remaining in the Godowne, [The] Lead, whereof if your Hon[rs]: please to send 1000 or [. . .] Candy it will [sell] in time, and if it lyes by will receive [no damage]. 18.

There is not one peice of [Salampore] [. . .] thought to make a tryall of converting [. . .] and use them in wearing apparell [. . .] y[e] Examination of severall Bales wherein there was not the least signe of Damage either inside or outside, the peice when opened appear to bee changed in Collour in each fold throughout y[e] peice in such manner as the Muster herewith sent, w[ch]: wee thought requisite to send, your Hon[rs]: may see in wh[at] condition it is, and [. . .] a peice larger then the square of that fold. It is our humble opinion that none of those sorts ought to bee sent or at least but a Bale or two of each sort and those fine. [But if your Hon[rs]: can cause the fine Long sayes to bee wove into shauls of 90 to 100 Inches long 45 to 50 Inches broad with heads of 9 or 10 Inches at each end, and borders of ½ Inche and Collours according to the patterns drawn on severall pe[i]ces of Paper, it is probable they will sell for about 2½ Pag[s]: ℔ Shaule, and for better direction wee send the head of a shaul w[ch]: shews how y[e] flowers are wrought. Wee compute that one peice will make 8 or 9 shauls & may sell for 20 Pag[s]: ℔ peice and if they can bee made at such a rate as will afford an encourageing proffit at 20 Pag[s]: the peice, wee humbly propose the sending 3 or 4 Bales hither for a Tryall and a Bale or two to Bengall & Surat.] 19. it to [al] ter this ℔t [of] y[e] Paragraph.

[*The passage above enclosed in square brackets was cancelled in the original*].

Wee herewith remitte Coppyes of severall papers sent by shipp Mary relateing to shipp Elizabeth all: ffortune as List N[os]. 32, 33, 34 wee treated with severall concerning the selling or ffreighteing of said shipp but not agreeing wee designed to send her to y[e] West Coast, [. . .] the ffleet ffrigat arrived from Bengall in due time [. .] that Voyage, and the shipps proper for the China [. . .] being lost in the Aprill storme, the Marchants [. . .] rein have bought the Elizabeth for Pag[s]: [one thousand] into your Hon[rs]: Cash under a Condition of delivering her to us at her returne if occasion Requires as by our Consultation of the 8 & 3 January 9 ffebruary [&] 15 May last shee will probably returne in ffebruary [be]fore w[ch]: time wee hope to receive the Gen[ll]: dir[ection . . .]. 20. 32, 33, 34.

Our Consultation of 13[th] ffebruary takes notice of an Error in the Invoyce & Bill of Ladeing in the shipp King William, wherein is entred one Chest N° 71 [. . .] 9 Dollars [*lacuna in the original*] instead of w[ch]: y[e] warehousekeeper Rec̃d a chest N°. 81 q[t]. the same quantity of Dollars. 21.

The 4 Parr̃. of our letter ℔ Mary dat[d]. 10[th] ffebruary adviseth your Hon[rs]. of a supply sent from hence to Anjango in persuance of the Generalls directions. Besides the P. 4991. 23.3 sent them by the Experiment in January, y[e] Commadore 22.

&c[a]. has drawne Bills upon us for Cheq. 3706½, supplyed them by the ffreighters of shipp Eagle upon w[ch]: we have paid Pag[s]: 4153: 8: fan[s]: and by their Letter (No. 111 in y[e]: booke of Letters received) they demand a further suppley of [. . .] necessaryes, workemen & souldiers, wee have sent them the desired number of Carpenters Smiths Bricklayers & stone Cutters by a Countrey Parr: and doe intend by the next oppertunity to supply them with the rest. It seems by their advices they designe to gett all things [in] a readynesse against the arrivall of the workemen they may carry on the ffortification with expedition when begun.

23. There have happened severall disastors [. . .] year these parts, besides the great Losse w[ch]: the [merchants] & trade of this place sustained, by ships w[ch]: [suffered] shipp Wrack in Aprill last, and lost their mon [soon] On the 1[st]. May [. . .] Brigantine Gingerlee was brought into this Road by five souldiers and a Dutch [sea lascar] who gave us an acc[ount] that the Mast[r]. of the Brigantine [being] ashoar at An[jango] the mate a Dutch man [and] two [Topas . . .] Laskers caused the Cable to bee cutt in y[e] Night and put y[e] Vessell under [. . .] while the rest were asleep, and when they [awaked not] understanding who were and who were not privy to the Plott, they were all keept in awe and durst not make any opposition. But when y[e] Vessell came upon this Coast near Sadraspatam, the Mate and one of the accomplished Topazes (the other being dead in y[e] Voyage) went ashoar, and the souldiers and one Dutch man being aboard tooke the oppertunity to Cutt the Cable & sailed into this Road who being all examined agree in a story to cast the blame on the two absent persons, of whome wee have never heard any thing since. The Brigantine being in a very Leaky and cra[z]y condition wee put aboard her the necessary stores and sent her away for Vizagapatam to bee repaired, and to returne hither in order to her proceeding to Yorke ffort, but in y[e] way she proved so Leaky that the Mast[r]. found it necess[ary] to runn her ashoar near Pettipollee to save their lives as hee adviseth, wee ordered the stores and what could bee saved to bee sent by Boat to Vizagapatam.

24. On the 5 June Ketch Josia imported from Bombay with Letters from y[e] Generall directing her proceed[ing] to Bengall for saltpetre, and to returne to Bombay so soon as the turne of the Monsoon would permitte upon y[e] report wee had of the ffrench shipp Postilion being sent out from Bengall a Cruizing for prizes, wee intended to keep her here (as long as the designe of her [voyage] would permitte), for further advice or Company [. . .] on 11[th] June at night, when y[e] Mast[r]: was sick ashoar [. . .] Colo[v]ers haveing gott 2 or 3 accomplices from [. . .] besides his own men, cut the Cable and sailed away. A Countrey shipp bound from Acheen to Vizagapatam by an extraordinary favour of the winds contrary to the Course of the Monsoon [. . .] here on the 4[th] August last and brought us a Letter [from] M[r]: William Soames Resident there dat[d]: 6 June (entre[d] N°: 148) adviseing that James Croffe (the honest [. . .] of the ffleet frigat whome Collovers had inticed aboard the Ketch and made him drunke at y[e] time when he runn away with y[e] Ketch from hence) joineing with y[e] Junder and Laskars had taken the oppertunity when Colovers and the rest were ashoar at y[e] Niccobarrs; to cutt y[e] Cable and saile away for Acheen, whither Gods good providence directed them without a Pylott, wee dayly expect the Ketch, and upon her arrivall intend to send her forward for Bombay with a Ladeing of Salt Petre.

25. But the same shipp brought us another Letter from M[r] Soames dat[d]: 26 June giveing an acco[t]: of Cap[t]: Edgcombe Comm[r]: of shipp Mocha ffrigat bound for China on freight being murdered in his Cabin and the shipp seized by his mutinous Piraticall Crew on the 18[th] June to the N°. Estward of Pollaway who exposed Cap[t]: Willock supra Cargo and 17 others y[t]: did not consent, in a pinace to shift for themselves, who got safe to Acheen and remaine there till an oppertunity presents for their comeing hither [*lacuna in the original*] The said two Letters from M[r] Soames are entred in our Coppy Booke of Letters received N°. 151 & 152 wherein M[r] Soames [hath] given a very perticuler acco[t]: of both those accidents.

26. Shipp America was dispatched from Bombay laden for Europe on the 22[d] June [but] sprung a Leake and put into Galle where y[e] [Mast[r].] of a Boat y[t] came from thence on the 1[st] Instant [info]rmes shee then was ac[. . . .] but can [give no] further acco[t].

There arrived three shipps this year with considerable stockes. ffiest ffrigat, 27.
King William, and Russell ffrigat please to accept the following acco^{t}: how they have been imployed.

The ffleet ffrigat arrived here on the 21st: January & staid for the refreshing of her men and for a favourable wind till the 9th: ffebruary and proceeded for Bengall from whence she returned hither with a Cargo of Saltpere on the 14th: May and (being detained sometime for the West Coast Bookes) on 21st: June sailed for Yorke ffort with a Cargo of Pag^{s}: 22346: 30: 1: under orders of being dispatched from thence by the 15th: Sept^{r}: 96 (with what Pepper ready for Bengall, and by the Agent &c^{a}, advices it appears that they will bee in readinesse to give her a quick dispatch and full Ladeing for Europe upon her arrivell.

The Russell ffrigat arrived here on the 7 ffeb^{ry}, and haveing spent as much 28.
time here as was necessary for the Recovery of sick men unladeing & veiwing the damaged Cargo and coining Rupees for Bengall, she proceeded on 19th: March with a Cargo of Ps. 3095: 2: 2 for Vizagapatam and Pag^{s}: 63114: 1: 1 for Bengall, under Orders, that if she arrived there time enough she should returne hither with a Ladeing of Salt-Petre (intending shee should upon her arrivall here immediately goe backe to Bengall and Lade home) but it seemes she came to late or wanted Repairs And our last Letter from Bengall dat^{d}: 25th: Augst: adviseth that on the 22 Ditto they delivered Cap^{t}: Blundell his Dispatch, [being] Laden with a Cargo of 342704 Rup^{s}: under Orders [of] touching here (to accompany y^{e} King William) but [having re]fused to proceed by reason of y^{e} unseasonableness [of the] time of year (the strength of y^{e} freshes) and [for] want of a sufficient Number of Cables and Anchors to carry the shipp downe the River, and hath pro[ceeded] against y^{e} Agent &c^{a}: hee will probably stay till [the] ffreshes abate. Cap^{t}: Hampton adviseth that hee [hath] very strongly repaired y^{e} Defects of his shipp.

The King William arrived here on 4. ffebruary the disposeall of this shipp 29.
hath been frequently considered as will partly appear by our Consultations 3 Aprill & 7 May whether to send her to Bengall or West Coast, or Lett her out to China on freight, or keep her on this Coast to bee laden home at this season, and haveing an encouraging pro[spect] of getting a full Ladeing in due time, Wee resolved to detain her on this Coast in persuance of the 66 & 70 Parr̃: of your Hon^{rs}: Generall Letter dat^{d}: 6th: March 9$\frac{4}{5}$ But she hath not lain altogether Idle, being sent on 12th May with Europe Cloth, Rice, Paddy, stores & Cash amounting to Pag^{s}: 19627: 4: 4 (thô not full) to ffort S^{t}: David, from whence she returned on the 26th June with 269 Bales and 888 Baggs of Pepper amount to Pag^{s}: 24306: 27: 5 and on 5th July sailed for Vizagapatam with Pag^{s} 15000 and 24000 Madrasse Rup^{s}: under orders of returning hither so soon as the winds would permitte with as many Bales of Calicoes as should bee then ready. Besides the very appearance of such a shipp gives an encouragemen^{t}: and Reputation to a ffactory, especially when y^{e} Countrey is engaged in Warr.

The aforementioned Acco^{t}: Currant of Europe Goods and of the silver gives 30.
a better view (at once) of the disposall of y^{e} stocke received by these shipps then can bee done in a Letter, together with the Inclosed acc[ount] of the Cordage &c^{a}: Stores received by shipp King W^{m}.

The Reasons w^{ch}: wee gave your Hon^{rs} in y^{e} 38 Parr̃: of our Letter dat^{d}: 31.
31 Jan^{ry}: last have prevailed for laying aside the Beetle farme, and the importation of [y^{e}] Beetle Leaves is left free paying onely halfe a fanam for a Bundle of 400 Leaves, w^{ch}: the officers of y^{e} Land Custome Collect and acco^{t}: for in the same manner as for other Goods as by our Consultation of 25 March.

It doth not yet appear whether this method will fully answere the end intended because till y^{e} year is out wee cannot tell what the amount will bee. Nor whether it will effectually prevent stopp from the Countrey Governm^{t}. But if the remaining months yeild equall to the six months past it will not fall much short of 3000 Pag^{s}, (the sum̃e at w^{ch}: it was farmed) There being actually received and accounted by the Land Customer, the sum̃e of Pag^{s}: 1554: 17: 2 from

Aprill to Septem^{r}: inclusive. And wee have yet received no impediment from y^{e} Governmen^{t}: thô Credibly informed y^{t} the same man who tooke a Perwanna from y^{e} Nabob for renting y^{e} Beetle Lease of the Pullamole Countrey the last year hath obtained another a month agoe, but hee do's not yet appear. However there is one sencible advantage in this method, y^{t}: the Inhabitants are better satisfyed and free from the strict examinations and search of the Beetle farme Peons and Conicoples which occasioned frequent Complaints.

32. But the same troublesome Complaints continue against Tobacco farme officers, and it is difficult to find a method that will both prevent such complaints and provide for the farmers security against y^{e} bringing in Tobacco by stealth, w^{ch}: if it bee allowed will by so much thin their Retail sale and consequently render them uncapable of paying their farme, which was lett the last year for Pag^{s}: 2900: and expiring on y^{e} 25th March last, those who have agreed to take it fell off, upon their being informed that the late renters had furnished all the shopps in Towne with Tobacco enough for y^{e} above amount [. . .] others refused to meddle till allowed the first months payment and to prevent y^{e} like inconvenience that would happen by changing y^{e} Renter yearly wee have given a Cowle for three years paying for the first year Pag^{s} 2800 :— for the 2^{d}: Pag^{s}: 2900.— for the 3^{d} Pag^{s}. 3000 :— as by our Consultations of 16 & 18th Aprill.

33. The fishing farme is inconsiderable none of y^{e} Black people would at first give more then tenn Pag^{s}. a year for the River-fishing and the sea-fish-duty, till M^{r}. Delgardner tooke it the first year at 30 Pag^{s}: and the next at 40 Pag^{s}: But the Macquaw men Cattamerran men and all others w^{ch}: used to fish in the River were so continually complaining against the farmer, and the farmer against them, that Licence was after y^{e} expiration of the two years given to the Mucquaw men &c^{a}. at 50 Pag^{s}. Pañn. to their great satisfaction.

34. In Bengall your Hon^{rs}: affaires went on (notwithstanding the troubles at Surat) without any impediment [from] the Government. The Nabob and Duan of Decca agreeing favouring and encourageing Trade, thô they quarrell about y^{e} Governm^{t}. But their last Letter complaines of the disturbance occationed by the Rebells of a Raja, and expected from the arrivall of y^{e} Interloper the Antelope Edw^{d}. Clyves Supra Cargo in the midle of August, concerning both w^{ch}: wee doubt not but your Hon^{rs}: will receive from Bengall a perticular acco^{t}: by the Russell Frigat. The advice wee have received is [in] the Letters from Bengall N°. 184 218, & 222 by w^{ch}: it appears that the Rajas for[ces have] taken possesion of Hug[ly]ffort and the Choukeys upon the River to Muxa[dabad] so that no goods could passe but by their leave. [The]Dutch assisted the [Moors?]and regained Hugly ffort. But the Mast^{r}: [of the Ship Russell] that came last from Bengall sais that the Rajas men hath retaken it, And there doth not yet appear an armey of the Kings to subdue them, so y^{t}: how farr they will proceed or how long continue Mast^{r}: of what they have, is uncertain. That w^{ch}: respects your Hon^{rs}: affairs is the present security of the ffactory, the carrying on the Investment and y^{e} ffortifying of the ffactory. The Agent & Councill seem to have taken the most prudent method for those purposes in maintaining a frendshipp with both party's in such a manner as that the Raja doth not suspect them and yet the Nabob sends them thankes for their assistance against the Raja. It will bee difficult for them to carry on such a Pollicy long, without being necessitated by one accident or other to declare for one party in w^{ch}: case wee have advised them in our Letter of the 2nd Octob^{r}. (Coppy whereof com's herewith) to take the part of the Moors Government, so far as will consist with their present safety. Because it is more probable y^{t}: they will at last subdue the Rebell. Then those who have assisted him must fall under the eye of the Governm^{t}: and if they have built any thinge like a fortification, it will bee observed and probably will either bee demolished or must bee maintained by force, whereas y^{e} buildings of those who have assisted the Government may probably [be con]nived at if not to great and to much like a fort.

35. Upon such considerations probably the Dutch and ffrench have chosen and agreed to declare publickly against the Rebell Raja and they can better doe it

[. . .] number of European sould[iers . .] now tenn shipps of Warr in the River w^ch^: besides European souldiers and Mariners have brought a considerable number of Buggesses &c^a^.

The Agent &c^a^. from Bengall wrote in the last Letter these words [Wee are forced to acquaint you that 'twill be impossible for our marketts to take off the quantitys our R^t^. Hon^ble^: Masters yearly designe hither thô wee should sell for halfe y^e^ Cost in England.] Wee have by answere ordered them to send us up hither what they cannot sell in a year or two time, because the Cloth is more subject to damage and hazard in their Godowne then ours. 36.

Our last Letters from Vizagapatam give an acco^t^: of the continuance of the Warr between y^e^ Seer Lascar and Sumberdue. Notwithstanding w^ch^: they apprehend no hazard in keeping all the money wee sent them by the King William, and they find their buissinesse goe on very currantly and would be able to make large Investments were it not for the great scarcity and dearnesse of Cotten. Wee thought it a fitt method not onely for inlarging their Investment but for disapointeing the Interlopers (if any should come upon the Coast or their Agents) to order them to[go to]the Merchants and the Weavers as full & constant an Employ as they can by Contracting for 4 or 5,000 Pag^s^. Goods deliverable Monthly throughout y^e^ year and by our Letter dat^d^ 6. 8ber last. Coppy whereof comes Inclosed. 37.

As to their perticular state of their ffactory and their acco^ts^: wee humbly referr your Hon^rs^: [to] their Diarys and General Bookes, w^ch^: come here as mentioned in the list of this pacquet where it will appear that they keep their buissinesse in due dilligence and M^r^. Holcombe perticulerly been very active [and suc]cessfull in maintaine[ing . . .] a good Correspondance with y^e^ Seer Lascar, and y^e^ Countrey Government round about, whereof there is a very perticular accc^t^. in their Diary and of the passages between the Seer Lascar & Sumberdu. 38.

Your Hon^rs^: will receive ℔ this shipp an acco^t^: of your Hon^rs^: affairs at Fort S^t^. David from Presid^t^: Hatsell and Councill, Wee onely note that there have arisen two Controversies there between them and y^e^ Dutch concerning Dutch Runaway Souldiers, and concerning a Dutch Marchant being detained and protected from Justice by the Dutch. There are many Letters relateing to the first Coppyed in our Booke of Letters received N°. 38, 40. to N°. 50, 52 to 55, 59, 60, 79. and the Coppy of our Letter to Gove^r^: Pitt &c^a^. of Nagapatam N°. 18, 19, 21 containeth the state of y^e^ second unto w^ch^: they have returned no answere. 39.

Inclosed are receipts from severall Comm^rs^: for the following sumes paid them in India Viz^t^ Shipp Amity Dollers 100 p^d^. at Yorke ffort (besides 200 Dollers p^d^ here & advis'd ℔ Mary) 40.

Ditto. £50 :—p^d^. there as ℔ Bill of Exchange.

Shipp Mary	P 236 : 10: 3
Shipp King William	1,176 : 16: 40
Fleet ffrigat	1,000 Doll^s^.

The Command^rs^: of shipps ffleet Frigat & Russell ffrigat complained to us against their officers. The matt[er] of the Complaints and the Result appears in our Consultations of Janu^ry^. 25^th^, 31^st^. March 14^th^: 16^th^: and May 25^th^: & 27^th^: There are still remaining in ffort S^t^. George Sea Custome Godowne 10 Tubbs of The[se] w^ch^. M^r^. Thaxton Cheife mate of Russell ffrigat had without the Command^rs^. leave and contrary to [the] Order in writeing sent privately aboard, and when M^r^. [Thaxton] was discharged and [found his] things were to bee sent ashoar, the Purser of the shipp owned them for his, & because they were sent ashoar Protested against y^e^ Command[. . .] whereby and his other Carriages hee proved himselfe an accomplice with the Cheife Mate, if not y^e^ principall incendiary and it is reported that hee hath been troublesome in Bengall. 41.

By the Entry in our Consultation of the 14 Septem^r^. your Hon^rs^: will perceive the grounds and effects of the Nabobs disgust, for y^e^ removeing of w^ch^; there appears at present no other method then to send one to him with a present. 42.

43. There have been severall Consultations & disputes among us concerning the Joint Stocke March^{ts}. Timapa and Narraine, Febu^{ry}. 27th. March 3^{d}. Aprill 9th: 10th: 13th : 16th : 18th : 20th : 23th ; & 30th : May 11th. 14th. 15th. & 21th, June 4th. August 20th Sept. 21st.

44. The List of the Pacquet gives an acco^{t}. of y^{e} : Coppys now sent of severall Bookes and papers, formerly sent and miscarryed.

45. The Losse of so many shipps by the storme in Aprill w^{ch} : will not be retrieved in some years, and as [y^{e} St. Lemo] shipps belonging to this port haveing [lost their] Passage from Pegu, Queda & Persia, must necessarily abate your Hon^{rs} : revenue of the sea Custome.

46. M^{r}. Elliot haveing been sickley for two years past and at this time dangerously ill desires your Hon^{rs} be requested to send another Chaplain in his roome and if your Hon^{rs} please another for ffort S^{t}. David, where by reason of M^{r} : Elliots indisposition neither hee nor M^{r} : Lewis went this year.

47. The ffrench Padres refuseing to pay quit rent for [. . .] garden possessed by them and their predecessors we pray your Hon^{rs} orders as by our Consultation of 8th Sept.

48. Our last Letter from the President &c^{a}. of Sur[at] N^{o}. 212 advise their Releasment from their long Confinement. The termes are contained in y^{e} Coppys of the Kings orders to the Govern^{r}. of Surat, y^{e} Translat's whereof comes herewith.

49. Wee have paid Pag^{s}. 178.—for paper &c^{a}. bought here since ffebruary 169$\frac{3}{4}$. bought very dear and not good.

50. M^{r}. James Bewley who came out a ffactore on the Russell ffrigat haveing been for some time distracted, wee had resolved to send him backe upon this shipp, but hee is at this time dangerously sick of a Violent Flux besides his distraction, and therefore uncapable of proceeding. There hath been due care taken of his concernes as by our Consultation of the 20th August last.

What remains to be further advised, your Hon^{rs}. will receive in another Letter, this being thus abruptly concluded that a Duplicate thereof may be sent to the Generall at Bombay by the Mary Buoyear which is intended to be Dispatch'd on this 17 Day of October. Wee are

Your Hon^{rs} : most humble
and obedient servants.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 19TH OCTOBER 1696.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : THE GOV^{R} : DEPUTY &
COMMITTEES, OF THE RT: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN LONDON.

Letter by the King William continued.

51. The Porteguez Fidalgo Luis ffrancisco Cortinha who come from Goa to S^{t}. Thoma in May 1695, hath produced a Commission from the Viceroy wherein he is stiled cap^{t}. Generall and empowered to act according to private Instructions, wherein all the subjects of the King of Portugall are required to assist and obey. The ffidalgo hath exerted his authority by publishing in S^{t}. Thoma an Order requireing all the Porteguez Inhabitants of this place to repair thither under penaltyes, But none of them have obeyed it. The Inhabitants of S^{t}. Thoma in generall are extreamely dissatisfyed with the power w^{ch} : hee hath exerted among them by exacting fines to y^{e} : Kings use for misdemeanours, w^{ch} : money hee appley's to the payment of his souldiers, w^{ch} : were 50 in number but reduced to lesse then halfe, because y^{e} : Charges exceeded the fund. Nor are they better pleased with the Walls w^{ch} : hee hath caused to bee repaired [about] S^{t}. Thoma, with the permission of the Moors Avaldar when the Morattas threatned that place, but as soon as the fear was over, the Avaldore tooke an occation to bee offended and tooke downe the Gate of y^{e} Citty and broke part of the Walls down, and they have hitherto remained under that subjection to y^{e} Moors that they have been forbidden to [wear] swords out of the Citty, and still the best of them [cannot] wear a Kittesoll or a sword when they pa[ss . . .] y^{e} house of y^{e} principal [. . .].

For redresse of these Grievences the ffidalgo with the consent and contribution of the Inhabitants sent an Embassador to the Nabob to obtaine his Perwanna to free them from y^e^ : power and insolence of the Moors. Hee carryed a present of about 300 Pag^s^ : and Porteguez Music and was received civilly and obtained a tasheriffee and a Perwanna, w^ch^ : leaves them much in y^e^ : same condition.

M^r^. Thomas Gullock who came out of England in your Hon^rs^ : service on 52.
the Barkley Castle and was permitted by the late Generall to goe a Voyage to Succadana, being imprisoned for Debt broke prison in y^e^ : night and escaped to S^t^ : Thoma to the house of a Padre. Emam Begue a Moorman being desired to secure him (in the absence of y^e^ : Avaldar) hee sent for Gullock from the Padry's house and accepted of said Padry and Thomas Luhorne as security for his forthcoming. But Gullock escaping and being demanded of Emom Begue, hee sent for the Padre & Luhorne and bound them and put them in Irons. The Porteguez here upon sent againe to the Nabob and the Nabob hath ordered Emom Begue to come to him, but hee is not yet gone. Wee are now makeing our application to the Nabob to compell Emom Begue to make satisfaction. It is supposed that Gullock is gone for Goa, not without y^e^ : Privity and assistance of some of the Porteguez, thô hee never was within the bound of the ffidalgo's Governm^t^ : & theref[ore] was not [demanded] of him.

[. . .] who came over [. . .] King William hath behaved 53.
himselfe very well, the few men that hee brought over with him remained under him in this Garrison and Leiu^t^ : Sinclar was sent to ffort S^t^. David in ffebruary last with 20 Europeans & returned hither in September. Leiu^t^ : [Hugonin] was sent to ffort S^t^. David with tenn of his men, but a full Company could not bee sent with him, because they have as many Europeans as wee have here. Ensign Hetchtester was paid here from the time of his arrivall at the rate of Pag^s^ : 4 : 30 fa : ℔ Mens : with dyet at the Table to the time of his death w^ch^ : was on y^e^ : 20^th^ past.

The inclosed Coppy of the Judgement of the Court of Admiralty hath decreed 54.
M^r^ : Charles ffleetwood late Govern^r^ : of Yorke ffort to pay your Hon^rs^ : Pag^s^ : 4081 : 16 : 75 wherein the perticulers charged to his acco^t^ : at York ffort by M^r^ : Barwell &c^a^ : have been most of them proved and more added here, upon further examination in the Court. Hee promisses [to] make payment towards w^ch^ : hee assignes a Debt w^ch^ : hee pretends to bee considerable from M^r^ : Kennedy but Kennedy denyes and the case is depending in the Mayors Court dureing w^ch^ : wee suspend serving an Execution upon him w^ch^ : will throw him into prison in the mean time Cap^t^ : Will^m^ : Brooke & M^r^ : Samuell Glover are his Bail.

M^r^ : Peachey hath lain in Prison allmost ever since hee came from Bengall 55.
upon an Execution o[f] the suit of M^r^ : Alvaro de fonsecca, hee refuseing [to] pay what awarded by the Judgement of the Court w^ch^ : wee mention because wee find M^r^ Peachey apt enough to complaine of hard usage after long service [. . .] was imprisoned by us for your Hon^rs^ : acco^t^ : there was onely an action entred against him in the Court of Admiralty but his word was taken for appearance. The reason why y^t^ : matter is not brought to an issue will appear in our foremen-tioned Letter to Bengall dat^d^ : 2 Inst. and till they returne an answere there can bee no proceeding here.

The Late Generall sent your Hon^rs^ : by the Barkley Castle the Examination 56.
of M^r^ : Dubois [&] his frauds at Vizagapatam with M^r^ : Dubois his acco^t^ : Currant & Bond for £1,115 : 16 : 9 and M^r^ : John ffoquets Acco^t^ : Curr^t^ : & Bond for £266 : 15 : 1 Coppys of all w^ch^ : wee find sent by the Charles 2^d^ : except their Bonds, whereof the Generall left no Coppys or Duplicats here, nor doe wee know, y^t^ : hee tooke Duplicats or attested Coppys thereof. The intention of said Bonds was to make their securitys in England liable, and they wrote to their freinds about it. Your Hon^rs^ : not mentioning any thing in your Letters sent hither since the arrivall in England of the Charles 2^d^ : wee know not whether your Hon^rs^ : doe expect satis-faction from the Partyes here or from their security. However wee have caused M^r^ : ffoquets sallery to bee stoped here towards satisfaction w^ch^ : am^ts^ : to Pag^s^ : 142 : 7, and shall as hee is able continue to demand the remainder of him and of

Mr: Dubois. But wee dont expect they will pay it in a Considerable time, thô they seem the [more] willing to pay here, because ye: accot: payable in England charges Insurance & Interest, but if they pay it here they will not pay ye: Insurance.

57. By the Ballance of our Bookes O. O. Mr: Dubois [stands] Indebted Pags: 369: 20: wch: is deducted from his Debt entred in our Books LL but that sume is included in the sume of Pags: 2,022: 31: 2 wch: hee stands indebted by [the] Vizagapatam Bookes. Wch: includes all matters charged to Mr: Dubois by the accot: Currant stated by the Commissary Generall, except the Interest and Insurance, and if Mr: Dubois shall discharge the debt here wee shall make up the accot: of Interest at last.

58. Mr: Chapman has Credit in our Bookes for P 152: 23: 1: and so much towards the discharge of his Debt wch: by the Judgement of the Court was Pags: 252: 23: 2. Hee gave his bond for Pags: 100:—payable in six months, and when the shipp Sarah sailed from hence hee went privately to St: Thoma and from thence as is supposed (but cant be proved) went aboard the Sarah since wch: we have heard nothing of him in India.

59. The reason why these accots: of Foquet, Dubois, [and] Chapman have not been stated in our Bookes [was] because their accots: stood part in ours and part in Vizagapatam. Wee wrote to Vizagapatam to [transfer] all to our accot: but it seems the order came to late and must be stated in the next Bookes.

60. What advices wee have sent to his Excecy: &ca: at Bombay by the Mary Bowyer on the 17th: Instant will appear by the inclosed coppy of our Generall Letter and list of the Pacquet, wherein wee have perticularly recommend[ed to] his consideration & directions ye: subject matter of our Consultations of the 15th: & 17th: Inst. Viz. The Power of the Governmt: in India. Wee cannot add any thing upon so nice and important a point least wee fall into an unreasonable further Debate at a time [when] there is nothing more necessary then the immediate dispatch of the shipp while the weather beyound expectation continues favourable what hath passed between this place and Bengall relateing to Mr: Braddyll lyes scattered in the Bookes of Letters received and sent 1695 & 1696 and ye: Consultation of ffort St: George datd: 23 Sepr: 1695 and the inclosed Coypys of what hath passed here since Mr: Braddylls arrivall from Bengall. The accot: delivd: by him [of silver coined] is entred in our Letter book received N°. 1401.

61. The Arrac Licence was farmed in Octobr 1695 to Mrs: Monke and the distillers of Arrac for Pags: 2000 for one year and the Wine Licence in December to Mr: Hiller for Pags: 300, the former complaines of no proffit and the latter of Losse, wch: wee believe probable and can give no other reason, then yt: the Inhabitants doe not frequent Publick houses as formerly.

62. The Reverd: Mr: Richd: Elliot dyed and was interred on the 17th: Instant, hee hath left his Bookes to the Library and 250 Pags to the Church. Hee hath been ye: Instrumt: of great good in this place: Mr: Lewes hath not so far in a [*Sic*] health yt: hee can goe through the necessary service of the Church and the frequent Instruction of Children and slaves wch: hee performes both on Sundays & Weeke days.

63. About [. . .] days past one Nellacunte came with a Perwanna from ye: Nabob for buying & selling all the Beetle Leaves of the Pullamole Countrey, by virtue of wch: he permits none to come into Towne but what bought of him, should wee continue to collect halfe fañ upon a bundle and permitte what is [. . .] him to come in freely it would confirme yt: farme to him and successors. To prevent wch: wee have laide aside the Collection of the halfe fañ for the present and encourage the free importation by land & Sea of Beetle Leaves not bought of him, and all the rest as it comes in, is distributed gratis among the Inhabitants And wee are now sending Letters and presents to the Nabob & his Cheif officer of about 300 Pags: to remove this inconvenience and to congratulate his safe returne to Arcott from a Victorious persute of the Morattas, haveing with about 4,000 horse driven Santoge Gurpada (the onely Moratta Generall now in these parts) quite out of the Cornatta Countrey with his Army of 12,000.

When wee sent the King William to Vizagapatam we expected her returne in 64.
the begining of Sept. that she might have been dispatched some time in y^{e}: month, but Contrary to the common course y^{e}: sou[th] winds & Currant continued so steady & strong that [she] could not come out from thence till y^{e}: 15th Sept. and arrived here 29 Ditto and brought us but 25 [. . .] there now lyes at ffort S^{t}. David about 130 bales and above 100 Corge of Long Cloth & Sallampores brought thither by the ffort S^{t}: George Merchants. They endeavoured to send it hither but could not by reason of the contrary winds, and considering y^{e}: season of the year, wee Resolved rather to fill y^{e}: shipp up with Pepper here, then to send her thither to take in those bales, for wee must then have left room for them, and in case a storme had happened she must either goe home soe much empty or have stay[ed] till the Monsoon was over, to prevent w^{ch}: hazard wee send her directly from hence, with such a Cargo as wee have amounts to Pag^{s}: 100618: 34 : 2: as ℔ Invoyce and Bill of Ladeing.

The Bales remaining at ffort S^{t}: David will be something towards the Ladeing 65.
off another shipp, and it will be our first care to make sufficient provission in order to w^{ch}: there is 20,000 P. Investing at Vizagapatam, and wee have on this 20th day of Octob^{r}: Pag^{s} : 34445: 16: 2 to bee Invested here and at ffort S^{t}: David, and if no extraordinary accident prevent wee hope wee shall be able to send one shipp from hence in January or ffebruary in Company with y^{e}: ffleet Frigat from Bengall if the expected shipps shall arrive time enough.

M^{r}: James Bewley dyed 13th Instant M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Addison appointed 66.
by order of Consultation 20th Augst: to take care of his concerns have paid into yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: Cash Pag^{s}: 500 part of his Estate and will pay in the residue as it can be turnd into money. They know none of his Relations to advise hereof. There is no acco^{t}: that wee know of depending between yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: and the said Bewley but the Acc^{t}: Salary.

Our Consultations of 27th ffeb^{y}: 23^{d} March 169$\frac{5}{6}$ 4th April & 15th May 1696 67.
give an acco^{t}: of the reasons upon which wee suspected one M^{r}: Cladius Masson held a Correspondence wth: the ffrench, and y^{t}: thereupon wee caused his [house] to be searched and upon ℔useall of his copy book of Letters therein found sev^{ll}: advices given to ffrance concerning English & Dutch ships going homeward and adviseing of sending out of six ships into India. Wee not being well acquainted wth: matters of y^{t}: nat[ure] intended to send him to your Hon^{rs}: upon the K. William but upon further consideration have resolved to bring him to a tryall here as the most proper means to deterr others from holding the like unlawfull correspondence. Wee are,

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: most humble and
Obedient Servants.

NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTH: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T}: TO THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A}: ℔ SHIP KING WILLIAM.

N°.

1. Gen^{ll}: Letter to the R^{t}: H. Comp^{a}: dated 30th September 1696.
2. Copy of a Gen^{ll}: Letter to the R^{t}: H.C. dat^{d}: 31st: Jan^{y}: & 6th ffeb^{y}: 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
3. Copy of a Gen^{ll}: Letter to D^{o}: dated 10th Ditto ℔ ship Mary.
4. Copy of the List of D^{o}: Pacquets.
5. Copy of a Gen^{ll}: to the R^{t}: H. Comp^{a}: dat^{d}: 19th Jan^{y}: —9$\frac{4}{5}$ ℔ ship Prince[ss].
6. Copy of York Fort Gen^{ll}: Letter to the R^{t}: H.C. dated 29th Octob^{r}: [1696].

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7. Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: silver since 1692.
8. Acco^{t}: Coinage with notes upon it.
9. Abstract of Tonqueen Diary.
10. Acco^{t}: Remains in Tonqueen ffactory.
11. Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: of the Syam Voyage.
12. Copy of Journall Parcells taken out of the Tonqueen Books relating to the Syam Voyage.
13. Remarks on the Tonqueen Books.
14. Copy of M^{r}: Keelings answer to D°: remarks.
15. Acco^{t}: remaines of Europe Goods in Fort S^{t}. George Godowns.
16. Acco^{t}: Cordage received ℔ ship King William.
17. Copy of Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}: Letter to Vizagap^{m}: dated 6th Octob^{r}: 1696.
18. Cap^{t}: James Minta's Receipt for 100 Dollars p^{d}: him at York Fort on Charterparty Account.
19. Dittos 4th Bill of Exchange for 50£.
20. Cap^{t}: Tho^{s}: Oyles his Rec^{t}: for Pa: 236: 10: 3: on Charterparty Acco^{t}:
21. Cap^{t}: James Thwaits his Rec^{t}: for Pa: 1176: 16: 40: on D°: Acco^{t}:
22. Cap^{t}: John Merry his receipt for 1000 Dollars on D°: Acco^{t}:
23. Copy of the Judgem^{t}: of the Court of Admiralty agst: Cha^{s}: ffleetwood.
24. Copy of Fort S^{t}. George Gen^{ll}: to Bengall dated 2^{d} October 1696.
25. Copy of Ditto to the Generall &c^{a} at B̃bay dat^{d}: 14th: D°: ℔ Mary Buoyer.
26. List of D°: Pacquet.
27. Copy of a Consultation dated 15th October 1696.
28. Copy of a Consultation dat^{d}: 17 D°.
29. Examinations of the Bengall charge against M^{r}: Braddyll: for coining of silver.
30. Purser ship Fleet ffrigat his acknowledgem^{t}: goods short deliv^{d}: from Bengall.
31. Owners of ship Fleet frigat their Acco^{t}: Currant.
32. Copy of the Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty against ship Elizabeth *alias* ffortune.
33. Copy of sev^{ll}: papers relating to ship Elizabeth as Ent^{d}: in the List of our Pacq^{t} ℔ the Mary, from N°: 16 to N°: 27 Except N°: 25.
34. Acco^{t}: Currant ship Elizabeth.
35. Copy of M^{r}: Chapmans Bond for Pag^{s}: 100 payable in 6 mo^{ths}:
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26. Copy Fort S^{t}. David Diary & Consultation comenceing ℔mo Jan^{y}: [1696] Ending 11th September 1696.
27. Copy D^{o}: Journall & Ledger Letter E.
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29. Copy of York Fort Diary & Consultations comenceing 19th June 1695. Ending 6th ffebruary 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

All the papers & Books mentioned in the List are made up in Box [. . .] are made up in a Pacq^{t}: apart N°: F.

[M^{r}:] James Thwaites Comand^{r}:
[of] ship King William.

Your ship being full Laden (whereof you have given notice by spreading your Colours & fireing a Gun on the 20th Ins^{t}: at noon) wee order you on receipt

hereof to repair aboard & with the first oppertunity of wind & weather to weigh Anchor & sett sail and make the best of yo^{r}: way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of London where when arrived you are to deliver or send by your Purser accustomary our Pacquet & Box of Books & Letters herewith deliv^{d}: you as directed to the Hon^{ble}: Gov^{r}: Deputy & Comitt[ee] of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}: in London [unto] whom you go consigned. Herewith is deliv^{d}: you [private] sailing orders signed by the Lieutenant Generall & Second [. . .] as directed by the R^{t}: Hon: Company and sealed wth: the seal, which you are to observe as if sign'd by us [all] but is not to be opened till you have been twenty days at sea, and then in the presence of & Attest[ed] by your officers, which attestation you are to keep for the peruseall of the R^{t}: Hon: Company at your returne wee wish you a good Voyage and date [this] in ffort S^{t}: George this twenty first day of Oct^{r}. 1696.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
[CHARLES BARWELL].

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE 8TH NOV [B^{R} 1696].

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THE GOVERN^{R} DEPUTY
AND COMMITTEES OF THE R^{T}: HONOURABLE
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN LONDON.

May it please your Hon^{rs}:

℔ Ship Russell Frigat.

This morning ship Russell frigot Cap^{t}: William Blundell Commander Imported from Bengall [bringing] us a Generall Letter from the Agent & Councill [dated] the 19th past, wherein they advise of their sending [your] Hon^{rs}: full advices by this ship of y^{e}: affairs of [Bengall].

Wee had ordered her to touch here that she may accompany the King William and receive [new] orders if ships had arrived as expected. But [wee] have yet received no advices concerning any [of your] Hon^{rs}: ships arrived in any part of India, and [. . .] ship comes too late to accompany the King William who sailed from hence on the 25th past in the Night.

The Commander having no businesse here but to fill a few caske of water, and the season of [y^{e}: year] being so uncertain we dare not detain her. [. . .] having some papers ready [. . .] Generall overland, wee take this oppertunity [to] inclose Duplicates of our Generall Letter [. . .] and a few others as ℔ List, whereunto [. . . your Hon^{rs}] to be referred [. . .] and [. . .].

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO THE R^{T}: HON: [COMPANY ℔] SHIP RUSSELL FRIGOT.

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1. Fort S^{t}. George Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 8th: [November [169o]
2. Duplicate of Ditto dated 30th: September 1696. ℔ ship King William.
3. Duplicate of Ditto. 19 October 1696. by D^{o}: ship.
4. Copy of the List of Ditto Pacquetts.
5. Copy of ship King William's Invoice.
6. Dittos second Bill of Lading.
7. Copy of the List of Diamonds Laden on ship King William.
8. Acco^{t}: Remains of Europe goods in Fort S^{t}. George Godown.
9. Copy Acco^{t}: Coinage anno. 95 & 96 wth: notes upon the same.
10. Cap^{t}: Thwaites 2^{d} rec^{t}: for Pag^{s}: 1176: 16: 40: paid him on Charterparty.
11. List of Gunners stores wanting in Fort S^{t}. George.
12. Copy of the Kings order from Assid Cawn for releasem^{t}: of y^{e}: Engl[ish] [. . .]

N°.
13. Copy of Fort S^{t}. George Acco^{t}: Cash from primo Octob^{r}: 96 to 7th No [. . .]
14. Copy of Fort S^{t}. George Consultations from p^{mo}: October 1696 to the 5 Nov^{r}: [. . .]

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 21 DECEM[BER 1696].

[TO THE HON^{BLE}:] THE GOV^{R}: DEPUTY
[&] COMMITTEES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY, LONDON.

May it please your Hon^{rs}:

Ship King William [Sailed] hence on the 23rd October last full Laden wth: a Cargo[. . .] Bales. 2300 baggs saltpetre. 188 Candy Redwood. 760 [candy] Pepper. 176 Pecul Gallingal, 18 chest sticklack 2 [chests] fine Indigo amount to Pag^{s}: 100618: 28 : and Dia[. . .] &c^{a}: amount to Pag^{s}: 15873 : 2 : 5 : [Sent] to Bengll [. . .] by ffleet ffrl. got y^{e} : ship being gone [. . .] Returned.

Wee could not at that uncertain season detain [. . .] longer, thô we expected the Russell frigot, w^{ch}: arrived [Late] from Bengall on the 8th November and the Command[er] having no other businesse here but to fill a few [casks] of water, sailed in the same evening. By whom [. . .] your Hon^{rs}: Duplicates of our Generall Letters by [ship] King William dated 30th September & 16th October last But Lading and Invoice and Copies of such other Papers [as] were then ready.

Wee [. . .] Bengall overland to meet the ffleet [. . .] w^{ch}: we [. . .] therein this month from [y^{e}:] Fort wth: a [good] quantity of Pepper, onely to advise your H[on^{rs}] of the arrivall of the Sedgwick advice Vessell on the [. . .] Instant, by which we received your Hon^{rs}. Generall Letter to us dated 20th May and copy of one dated 20th ffebruary which advise of 5 ships being departed for India, but have not yet heard of the arrivall of any of them [. . .] hear any

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that the Sier Lascar did often desire it. That the Mer[chants] can the better carry on your Hon^{rs}: businesse. And Inten[tions] if any come there may be defeated, and they write that they are assured there cannot possibly arise any inconvenience or dammage by it, which confidence is probably grounded on the present good understanding which M^{r}: Holcombe hath hitherto maintained wth: the sier Lascar & consequently wth: the other inferiour officers and Govern^{rs}: under him.

Wee expected that some of your Hon^{rs}: ships might arrive time enough for one to be dispatched in February next. We therefore made the best provision we could for the Lading of one about three or four hundred Tons. In order to which we sent a sufficient and timely suply and order to Vizagapatam, and depended upon at least 300 bales from thence, but they advise us that Cotton is so dear and scarse that the country will not afford so much cloth till the next ffebruary crop, after w^{ch}: they assure us their Merchants will monthly invest ffive thousand Pag^{s}: In the meantime we cannot expect from thence [. . .].

Att ffort [S^{t}. Georg merchants] offered a Contract in October last for Pag^{s}: [. . .] whereof Pag^{s}: 5000 onely deliverable in ffebruary. But there were some articles in their terms which could not be admitted & therefore we have accepted onely of so much as they offered to deliv^{r}: in ffebruary, and President Hatsell and Councill will in the meane time endeavour to bring them to better terms. Serapa &c^{a}. Merchants of ffort S^{t}. George have Contracted for 24000 Pag^{s}: and having promised to deliver at least two hundred bales in ffebruary, we have for their encouragement allowed them 12 ℔ Cent for so much as they shall deliver in that time, The greatest part of the Course Goods are in providing at Worriarpollam, and they ℔ mise they shall be better then those sent ℔ ship King William. But from all the factories we cannot expect enough to compleat the Lading of a ship of 400 Tons so soon.

The necessity and insuperable difficulty of putting off the Europe goods received and expected, put us [in] May 1695 upon the trial whether there could possibly be a way found out for vending them at Metchlepatam, Pettipollee or Durampaut without setling a ffactory which your Hon^{rs}: have constantly forbidden, and the long experience of that Governments unreasonable exactions makeing us very cautious of trusting them, we made proposalls to the Merchants that they should mannage their businesse under your Hon^{rs}: Priviledge and the name of a Factory at their own charge and Risgo, but they refused, and there appeared no other reason for their refuseall, but their jealousy of y^{e}: Governm^{t}: [. . .] of the more caution [. . .] permission to make a settle[ment] we ought not to undertake it without first [consulting] the termes wth: the Sier Lascar and before the season of sending a ship we hope to receive your Hon^{rs}: further orders upon the peruseall of the reasons given in our Consultation of the [. . .] February 169$\frac{4}{5}$ for prefering Durampat before [Pettipollee].

M^{r}: Braddyll hath satisfied us that he had [in] time made good the balance of the Maulda [Books].

Wee are certainly advised from the Mallabar Coast there are five Pirats off of the Babbs, One called y^{e}: Charming Mary Cap^{t}: Philip Babington Commander about 130 Tons 22 Guns & 90 men came to an Anchor of Tellicherry in August last, and it is believed that the Moco ffrigot intends to joine wth: them. Wee are,

Your Hon^{rs}: most obedient
& faithfull servants.
N^{L}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Charles Barwell.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.

Fort S^{T}. George 19TH Janu^{RY}: 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

To the Hon^{BLE}: Gov^{R}: Deputy
and Committees of the R^{T}: Hon^{BLE}:
English East India Company In London.

May it please Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}:

1. Via Bombay ℔ Josia Ketch.

Our last was dat^{d}: 21 Decemb^{r}: sent overland to Bengall to goe by shipp Fleet ffrigat, adviseing the Departure of shipp King William on the 23th Octob^{r}: and the Russell ffrigat (Laden from Bengall) on the 8th Novemb^{r}: by both w^{ch}: shipps wee wrote your Hon^{rs}: dat^{d}: 30th Septem^{r}: and 19th Octob^{r}: ℔ King William and the 8th Novem^{r}: ℔ Russell ffrigat, Coppyes of all w^{ch}: Letters comes herewith.

2. Our last Letters from Bengall dat : 25th Novem^{r}: & 1st Decem^{r}: (entred in Coppy Book of Letters Rec^{d} N^{o}. 76 & 52) advise the arrivall of the ffleet Frigat from the West Coast with 315 Bahar of Pepper, w^{ch} : with 147 parcells China wrought silkes laden on her by M^{r}: Langley at Yorke ffort belonging to the Cargo of shipp Dorothey will make up a good part of her Ladeing, w^{ch}: the Agent &c^{a}: advise [. . .] before the 20th January notwith[standing . . impe]diments they meet with in [. . .] Rebell Rajas progresse in the [. . .] Rajemaul, whereof yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: will receive a more perticuler acco^{t}: from the Agent &c^{a}: by this Conveyance, This Letter being intended to be sent by the ffleet Frigat, whose calling here wee expect, if she bee dispatched time enough from [Bengall] to Reach this Port without looseing time by [. . .] and if they shall not have received from your Hon^{rs}: Directions for new Saileing orders before her depar[ture] from Bengall, and for fear of her passing [by].

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